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New central computer center updates Howard University's technology

By Jennifer Hopson
Hilltop Staff Writer

Wonder who controls your account or what computer you use for your student loan? Well, the Information Systems and Services (ISAS) does.

ISAS moved from the basement of the Hilltop to the second floor of the Administration Building on Dec. 27 and 28 of last year. The building was created as a federal grant to provide a new computing environment. The new building is decorated in black and white with plants dispersed throughout the office, the new building is fully equipped with hi-tech meeting rooms, an audio room, a dark room, a classroom, and classrooms. Every room is equipped with voice and data lines and is accessible to the Internet service. The building, which is open 24

hours a day, seven days a week, is very secure. Access to different parts of the three-story building is gained through the use of proximity cards.

ISAS has four main jobs. The first is the mainframe operation Computing Operation and Systems (C.O.S.S.). C.O.S.S. controls the mainframe computer, and all financial services, including registration, cashier's office, student accounts, housing and admissions, the budget office and student loans.

The second function of the ISAS is the applications systems, which is responsible for writing and maintaining all University business systems.

ISAS is also responsible for the Telecommunication Services. This unit supports all voice services at the University, including dorm phones, long distance, data lines and the Howard University network.

Lastly ISAS, maintains student computer laboratories. The labs are spread out in 4 locations: the School of Communications, the School of Business, the School of Engineering and a testing unit in the Administration Building, which is a test scanning lab.

Dr. Charles Moore, director of ISAS, is very excited about the things to come. "We want to bring technology to the students, faculty and staff, to be a leading edge in the use of technology," he said.

"Hopefully in the Fall '96 semester, there will be a full-service, 24-hour, seven-day-a-week student computing facility," he said. Moore hopes to have this facility equipped with 100-150 computers available for students.

A student information system called BANNER is also being developed.

This system will allow students to use the telephone to attain information regarding their student

accounts, records and classes. BANNER will reduce complicated lines and confusion, and use time more effectively and efficiently.

There are also plans to wire all faculty offices with computers to allow University faculty members to plug into the Internet, as well as plans to develop a mail system to access other services on the campus including World Wide Web and the Internet by mid-year.

Small computer clusters in dorms will also be hooked up like the faculty computers to allow students to communicate with faculty easier by leaving e-mail for them and to be able to receive homework from them. Drew Hall will be the first dorm equipped with the computers.

1-800-HOWARD-U, which is already in use, is a voice information service to inform prospective students about Howard University.



Dr. Charles W. Moore, Director of Information Systems and Services

U.S. Solicitor General to deliver University's 129th Charter Day address

By Gena Gatewood
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University celebrates its 129th Charter Day Convocation, commemorates the 129th anniversary of its founding, today at the Cramton Auditorium.

On S. Days III, solicitor general of the United States, has been chosen to deliver the main address at the Convocation. The program will also present Days of the event.

He had been a professor of law at Yale University since 1981 and was sworn in to his current position in 1993. At Yale, his teaching and writing centered on the areas of Supreme Court cases, anti-discrimination law, international human rights, and literature from Hamilton to Toni Morrison. Days earned his law degree from Yale three years later. He practiced briefly with a law firm in Chicago, and later with the Peace Corps as a lawyer in Honduras.

Along with his many other accomplishments, Days was a staff attorney of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in New York, where he participated in school desegregation and employment discrimination cases. Taking a two-year leave of absence from this position, Days began teaching at the University School of Law.

Finally, he was confirmed by the Senate to serve as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, where he served until 1981.

However, Days is only one of the many distinguished guests participating in this year's Charter Day festivities. Five University alumni will be honored at the Charter Day Dinner. About 2,000 people are expected to attend this \$250-a-plate event, held at the Washington Hilton and Towers tonight.

Among the honorees are Dr. Lillian M. Beard, a practicing pediatrician in the Washington area. This New York native graduated with bachelor of science and doctor of medicine degrees.

Beard is currently an associate clinical professor of pediatrics at George Washington University, as well as an assistant professor at the Howard University College of Medicine. She has also been a contributing editor for Good Housekeeping magazine where she authored a monthly "Ask Dr. Beard" column.

Among the other honored alumni is Rodney A. Coleman, who earned a bachelor's degree in architecture. Now an assistant secretary of the Air Force, Coleman is responsible for organizing plans and programs for Air Force manpower. Coleman served on active duty in the Air Force for 10 years, attaining the rank of captain, while building a distinguished career as an Air Force civil engineering officer. He is also the

recipient of the Bronze Star Medal.

Alumnus Andre Dennis was the first African American to serve as chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. During his year as chancellor, he established several new programs geared toward finding affordable legal services for poverty-stricken Philadelphians. He has also sought to increase the number of minority lawyers employed at Philadelphia law firms and businesses.

Dr. Marion Mann, former dean of the Howard College of Medicine, will also be honored in tonight's ceremonies. As dean, Mann established several new programs and projects in the college. Although he resigned from this position in 1979, Mann later returned to the University to serve as Associate Vice President for Research until 1991. Mann is now a diplomat of the National Board of Medical Examiners and of the American Board of Pathology.

The final Charter Day honoree, Dr. Michael R. Winston, is a magna cum laude graduate from the University. This elected member of Phi Beta Kappa has held prestigious positions, ranging from teacher to historian to author. Winston has written articles and reviews for many scholarly and professional journals and is currently doing research for a new book, titled *A History of the World*.

The Convocation program will be broadcast live on WHUR-FM, 96.3 FM and will later air on WHMM-TV, Channel 32.

Marian Wright Edelman encourages students to put children first

President of Children's Defense Fund speaks at Rankin Chapel

By Awanya Deneace Anglin
Hilltop Staff Writer

Children's Defense Fund President, Marian Wright Edelman, challenged the Howard University community to "stand for children" at the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel's 11:00 a.m. service Sunday.

While delivering the guest sermon, Edelman compared her life experiences to the deteriorating environment in which children are being raised today.

While she was growing up, "pin the tail on the donkey" was a game that she and her friends played for hours at a time. Today, however, she said, youngsters entertain their libidos by playing "spin the bottle."

Edelman also added that today, families do not communicate or socialize in the same way people did years before.

"It's amazing how families don't eat together ... Today's kids don't know how to make anything from scratch because of McDonald's and Burger King."

It is because of this lack of attention that children are being abused and neglected. That is why Edelman initiated the "Stand up for Children" campaign that will begin this summer.

On June 1, the Children's Defense Fund, with the assistance of the NAACP, the American Association for Retired Persons, the Urban League, the American Federation of Teachers and over 400 other organizations, will rally

in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

The program is designed to encourage people to improve the quality of life for the children in their communities. Suggestions for improvement include reading more to children (whether it's your own child or someone else's), mentoring and voting on laws and regulations of bills that will positively affect children.

According to Associate Director Jonah Edelman, the program is "a day for Americans of every race, age, religion, income and faith to unite in Washington, D.C., as a national community in support of

dishonoring our mothers and daughters," Edelman said. "Women, never answer out of your name."

Reigning Miss Howard University and Miss District of Columbia, U.S.A., LaChanda Jenkins is a volunteer for the "Stand for Children" program. The sophomore broadcast journalism major hopes to get Howard students and the surrounding community involved.

"I am excited to be involved [with the program]," she said. "There are people who have a genuine concern."

Edelman also inspired many students who heard her speak at Rankin to do the same.

"She [Edelman] was motivating," said sophomore architecture major Kuwana Moore. "It made me want to give more to the community." Rosie Banks agreed. "There was a lot of merit in what she said. She

stressed putting children first and that inspired me," the sophomore majoring in biology/English said.

For more information on how you can volunteer and become involved with the campaign, call Cary Booker at 1-800-233-1200 or 202-234-0095. You may also write to "Stand For Children" at 1832 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009 or e-mail the program at: Standinfo@mailback.com.

The Children's Defense Fund was founded by Marian Wright Edelman in 1973 as an advocacy organization devoted to protect children.

It's amazing how families don't eat together ... Today's kids don't know how to make anything from scratch because of McDonald's and Burger King.

-Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund

Did You Know?

- 1971- The University's received its charter, which was signed by President Andrew Johnson.
- 1968- Patricia Roberts Harris, a Howard alumna, gives the Charter Day address.
- 1969- Student protests cancel Charter Day activities and bring the University to a stand-still.
- 1995- Howard graduate and Nobel Prize Laureate Toni Morrison delivers Charter Day address.

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CAMPUS PLUS

Poor music equipment strikes a sour note with College of Fine Arts students

By **Kenyatta Matthews**
Hilltop Staff Writer

Piano rooms in the Howard University Department of Fine Arts have become breeding grounds for elements other than music.

In the past year, homeless people and teenagers with guns have been found loitering in the rooms; an alleged rape reportedly occurred in a piano room and women have been advised not to practice alone.

In addition to the dangers of the rooms, students must deal with the poor conditions of the pianos.

"It affects the students' morale and prevents students from doing their assigned work in piano," said Charles Timbrell, assistant professor of music and coordinator of keyboard studies.

Students and faculty have protested, spoken to security, and notified former University Interim President Joyce Ladner and her successor President H. Patrick Swygert, but there has been no noticeable action.

Anita Britton, a senior majoring in music education and voice, said the students need to stand their ground until the problem is solved.

"A lot of students don't speak up because everything is so political," Britton said. "They don't want to rub someone the wrong way that can get them scholarships and recommendations. So they just give up and say 'let me get mine.'"

Missing, sticking and broken keys, missing piano lids and fallboards that leave the inside of the piano exposed, and trash inside the piano are several of the

problems students must face when practicing.

"There are a number of pianos that function. The question is how well they function," Timbrell said. "They are all out of tune to one degree or another. Each piano needs repair work of some kind."

The condition of the pianos has been an ongoing problem. About two years ago, an attempt was finally made to get rid of the pianos that were in the worst condition. But now, Timbrell said, the pianos that were in good shape are rapidly deteriorating.

"We are in need of about 30 new upright pianos and several grand pianos in the practice area," Timbrell said.

Faculty and students fear the future of the music department could be affected if changes are not

made soon. The music department is due for a review by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). If things are not corrected by the review date, the department's accreditation and, ultimately, the department's enrollment of students may be in jeopardy.

Raymond Jackson, professor of music, said lack of security is partially to blame for the present conditions of the pianos and the room.

"The lack of control over the area and the identification of students results in people outside of the University using the facilities," Jackson said. "We have to assume it is not the music students (who are) damaging the pianos, but people from outside of the University."

He added that insufficient

amounts of funding in the College of Arts and Sciences results in less adequate equipment.

"(Cheaper equipment) causes the pianos to deteriorate more quickly and need more frequent maintenance," Jackson said.

The present state of the practice rooms has created difficult circumstances for students and faculty. Students must compete with each other to use the few pianos that are in mediocre working condition. With piano, composition, and vocal majors all needing to use the facilities, students often have to find other methods for doing class assignments. Students have tried to solve their problem by getting permission to use their professors' personal studios or using the pianos in the second-floor classrooms.

"In the past, I had to go to my

professor and beg him to let me use his studio. Sometimes students are using his facilities. I can't get in there. The second floor pianos aren't always available because they lock the doors up," Britton said.

Timbrell and Jackson said the accessibility of practice rooms can affect their performance.

"One of our serious concerns is that the present conditions of the facilities will discourage undergraduate and graduate students from attending Howard University," Jackson said. "Raw talent has gotten us along, but we can't survive on talent alone. We could end up having a product if the conditions were better."

Howard Players plan first spring drama festival

By **Chana Garcia**
Hilltop Staff Writer

Following the tradition of leadership in fine arts, the Howard Players are scheduling the first drama festival at the University titled, "Continue the Legacy."

The festival will run for two weeks and will feature two plays written and produced by some of the organization's members.

The purpose of the festival is to allow the Howard Players and other students in the drama department to showcase their skills.

"The emphasis of the festival is for students to test what we've been taught and to find out through practice what some of our weakness are," said Denise Hart-Kennedy,

president of the organization. "The history of the Howard Players is so rich. The legacy has always been there, we're just carrying it on."

The festival allows students to produce, direct, market, design and act in their own production.

Cybil Roberts, faculty adviser to the Howard Players, said that she and the members are being creative in planning the festival. She hopes that the innovation makes the festival more successful.

"At this stage it's been very experimental and we acknowledge that there are a lot of challenges that we are meeting everyday," Roberts said. "But these challenges will help us with what we need to do next year."

The Players want to make the festival an annual spring event.

"We hope we can continue to aide in developing an African-American theater aesthetic," she said. "The Howard Players are indeed a part of a larger renaissance that African-American theater has been experiencing throughout the United States."

The Howard Players was organized in 1909 as the College Dramatic Club. The organization changed its name to the Howard Players in 1925 when it became a student production organization.

Stephanie Boggs, a senior majoring in acting, said the Howard Players have thrived as a campus organization because they are a group for the students and by the students.

"The Howard Players are trying to give students a voice," Boggs

said. "It's a start and we had to start somewhere."

Hart-Kennedy, a senior acting major, said the Howard Players have been a positive force for her in the three years that she has spent at Howard University.

As this year's president, Hart-Kennedy said she hopes to uphold the rich tradition set by previous members.

"It's been challenging, but it's [spring festival] the best thing that we've done for our development," she said.

The Howard Players are putting on "Alaska," which is running Feb. 28-Mar. 2 at Ira Aldridge Theater at 7:45 p.m., and an additional 2:30 p.m. matinee on Saturday. Tickets are \$5 with student ID.

'Diverse' students selected as 1996-97 Campus Pals

By **Lisa Prince**
Hilltop Staff Writer

Twenty-six Howard University students have been selected as 1996-97 Campus Pals, according to Selections Committee chairperson Todd Triplett, and this year's group, he says, is the "best yet."

"I think that this group will bring the organization back to where it was when I was a freshman," said Triplett, a second-year pal. "By this I mean, the Campus Pals my freshman year were diverse, knowledgeable and just rich with love for Howard."

The 1996-97 pals will represent the 50th year of participation by the organization. Currently, there are 76 pals active on campus.

Executive board secretary Tiffany Harris said this year's competition was stiff, with the

applicants ranging in skills and qualifications.

"They all have wonderful ideas for the future and they feed off each other's input," said Harris, who served her first year as a Pal this past year. "Their (application) essays varied from a picture book about themselves to using each letter of Campus Pal to form a poem or story."

The selection process included a \$2 application fee, a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0, essay and an examination. Depending on how one does on the exam, they would be allowed to schedule an interview. There are two additional interviews following the initial one.

Every year Campus Pals plan a two week orientation full of a variety of get-acquainted activities for students new to the University. Past activities have included ice cream socials and

various workshops. In addition to helping new students adjust to HU, Campus Pals also help with registration, dormitory check-ins and helping the new students adjust to life at Howard.

Jorielle Brown, who participated in the Campus Pal program as a freshman, said the positive influence the program had on her led her to apply for a Pal position this year.

"It was good experience because you really learned to be yourself," said Brown, a junior chemistry major.

Harris and Triplett say that this year's group compliment each other's personalities.

"They all have wonderful ideas for the future and they feed off each other's input," Harris said.

Brown, a 1996-97 pal, agrees that this year's pals have special talents that will enhance the Campus Pal Program.

"We all have very creative minds which creates a bond within our group," Brown said. "Not to mention we all love Howard and want to show our love."

The new Pals made their formal debut at the last men's basketball game at Burr Gymnasium.

The newly selected 1996-97 Campus Pals are: Allan Alexander, Tracy Booker, Jorielle Brown, Logan Campbell, Daniko Dickson, Tegene Dulce, Lakeem Dwight, Terrence Grows, Robert Harrison, Alia Hashim, Nia Hooper, Samiyah Johnson, Zhaundra Jones, Eric Kellum, Shelby Lee, Kofi Lindsey, Deana McRae, Juanity Mestre, Princess Mhoon, Stephanie Miller, Reuben Monmouth, Karlief Moye, Ricki Willey, Marcus Oliver, Krishna Smith and Mikki Young.

On-line service offers degrees via the Internet

By **Dawnica Jackson**
Hilltop Staff Writer

Earning a college degree without leaving home is now a reality thanks to the advances in computer technology. World Wide Community College (WCC) began its on-line educational service last October offering credits leading to an associate degree.

Students have the option to take courses or work toward a degree.

WCC will eventually consist of a consortium of colleges that offer a wide array of educational programs and services through what is called a "virtual campus." Currently, Brevard Community

College in Melbourne, Fla., is the sole college providing courses.

"Access to information is the power of our society, and ring education to people everywhere is WCC's mission," WCC representative Maxwell C. King said. "The WCC is an idea that has gradually grown from the early distance learning concepts to utilization of the technology now available to a majority of Americans and a growing number of people in nearly every country of the world."

On-line education is expected to remove the barriers faced by people who may not have the time to physically go to college, such as working parents.

For Cynthia McDonald, a 21-year-old mother of two, on-line

service is a dream come true.

"I never thought I would be able to go to college because it was too expensive," McDonald said. "Now I can take my first two years at home and raise my twins then finish my degree at a university."

Although the virtual campus is praised for its convenience, critics have pointed out several weaknesses to learning across cyberspace instead of in a classroom.

"I won't take courses on-line because you can only learn so much from a computer," junior Makeda Russell said. "A computer cannot assess your strengths and limits. I think the actual person has to be there."

However King said education

via the Internet is inevitable with the advances in computer capabilities.

"This is the Age of Transformation—of continual reengineering, restructuring, and reinventing our organization and ourselves—with growing needs for information access and better communication," King said. "Education has become a necessity, and we are turning to the information superhighway—to provide the interactive dimensions of learning."

King said a university or college can join the WCC by simply adopting the interactive approaches that characterize on-line work and contacting the World Wide Community College.

School of Business plans fashion showcase to benefit students

By **Nikia D. Puyol**
Hilltop Staff Writer

The School of Business will be presenting, "Dress for Success: A Fashion Obsession," to raise money for need-based scholarships for students in the School of Business, at 7:30 p.m. on Mar. 2 in Cramton Auditorium.

Marvin Boone, a junior marketing and computer information systems major, believes the fashion show is a creative way to raise money for scholarships for

the students in the School of Business.

"I believe that it will show the School of Business students in a more relaxed atmosphere," he said.

The show, which includes 75 students, will showcase an array of business attire and have dancers to add to the atmosphere. Although it will stress the proper business attire for interviews and the workplace, it will also have scenes that are entertaining.

Keisha Lowe, a sophomore international business major is happy to be participating in the

fashion show. "I'm glad to be a part of the show because it is helping to raise money for the students, and that is an important worthwhile cause," Lowe said.

"So many people have the impression that the School of Business students don't know how to have fun and are uptight, but that's just not the case. We know how to have fun and be creative too," Lowe said.

Vaughn Mitchell a junior, international business major, wants everyone to walk away from this show with a working knowledge of

what attire is needed in the workplace.

"The show will be very educational and still allow the School of Business students to show that we are not the uptight number crunchers that people think we are. I hope many people will come out and support us because the money will go towards students' educations and we are all striving for the same thing here—a Howard education."

The tickets are \$10 and are available at the Cramton box office and in the School of Business.

CAMPUS CRIME REPORT

February 23

Simple Assault—At approximately 12:45 p.m. in front of Bryant St., the complainant was assaulted by an unknown person. The subject became agitated after the complainant asked to move from the handicapped parking space.

February 22

Lost Property—The complainant left his property unattended in the Bethune Annex dormitory. He discovered the property approximately 25 minutes later.

February 20

The complainants stated that at approximately 2:45 a.m. they were stopped by three persons in a red vehicle (possibly a Escort) on 10th and Girard streets. The suspects pointed hands at the complainants, advised them to lay on the ground and surrender their personal belongings. The suspects fled in an unknown direction.

SUSPECTS' DESCRIPTIONS:

1. Black male, 6', 155 lbs., light complexion, goatee, green fatigues.
2. Black male, 5'11", medium to dark complexion, brown leather coat.
3. No description on the driver.

February 19

The complainant stated that at approximately 8:45 p.m. an unknown Black male approached the complainant in the 2800 block of 6th Street. He was wielding a butcher's knife and forced the complainant to engage in a sexual act. The complainant sexually abused on the southeast corner of Burr Gymnasium.

SUSPECT'S DESCRIPTION: Black male 6'2", 180 lbs. complexion, wearing a blue, gray and black jacket with black

February 14

Theft from auto—The complainant stated that at approximately 4 p.m., discovered that the temporary tags were removed from complainant's vehicle in Lot D.

February 14

Fire set in campus building—In the Human Ecology building at approximately 7:30 p.m., the complainant discovered unidentified persons had ignited a piece of paper and set a trash receptacle.

February 14

Harassment—The complainant reported that at approximately 7 a.m., a threatening note was left promising to do bodily harm to one of the residents.

Disorderly Conduct—The complainant stated that while informing a client that the services required had to be done by another person, the subject got hostile and refused to leave the Administration Building when asked by the complainant to leave. Campus Police Department.

February 12

Simple Assault—At approximately 9:15 a.m., two persons were involved in an altercation that escalated into a physical confrontation in the first floor hallway of the dental school.

To request campus crime reports, call 806-1079/1088. Requests are filled Tuesdays-Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Expect a three-day turnaround period. Requests must be made by telephone.

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LOCAL

Cop convicted in Rodney King beating comes to the District of Columbia to raise funds

By Akiba Solomon
Hilltop Staff Writer

Ex-Los Angeles policeman Laurence Powell, who was convicted in the videotaped beating of Rodney King, held a "Homecoming Rally" last week for his legal defense at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in downtown D.C.

Released from federal prison in December, Powell still contends that his actions during the night of the beating were justified, according to an Associated Press story published in the Washington Times.

"I have always known that I did what was right, what any trained police officer would do to protect the citizens of his community from a dangerous and violent criminal who even today refuses to acknowledge any wrongdoing," Powell said in an advertisement that ran in the Feb. 16 issue of the

conservative Human Events newspaper.

Powell has already served 30 months in federal prison and may return for 40 additional months if Deputy Solicitor General Mike R. Dreeben has his way in the Supreme Court. The court took Dreeben's argument for a stiffer sentence under advisement last week.

Powell's gala reception and dinner took place two days after the Supreme Court deliberation, and was scheduled to coincide with the Conservative Political Action Conference also held last week at the Omni Shoreham.

The Powell fundraiser was sponsored by the Fairfax-based Legal Affairs Council, which raised funds for Oliver North's defense in the 1980s Iran-Contra scandal. According to a Washington Times advertisement, former Reagan administration attorney general Edwin Meese endorsed the event

along with Republican Reps. Buck McKeon (Calif.) and Steve Stockman (Texas).

According to Rep. Stockman's press secretary, Jennifer Murray, the congressman was unaware of the unauthorized use of his name. "Congressman Stockman had absolutely nothing to do with it. The AP (Associated Press) put out a news story and then printed a correction the next day," Murray said. Rep. McKeon's California-based press secretary was unavailable for comment at press time.

Mike Antonovich of the L.A. County Board of Supervisors was chairman of the "Officer Laurence Powell Homecoming Committee," according to the Times ad. Former U.S. Congressman William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.) and the founder and president of "Black Americans for Family Values," Ezola Foster, were also listed as supporters.

Washington D.C. and Howard University chapters of the NAACP were also at the event—at a rain-soaked protest rally outside.

"We were concerned that they would descend upon an African American community—during Black History Month—to rewrite the history of the Rodney King incident," District NAACP spokesman Edward Hailes said. "Powell believes he has suffered enough. Those that support him think that this was good police work."

Prices for the gala ranged from a \$10 suggested donation for the reception, to a \$500 patron contribution for the dinner, according to the Times advertisement bearing the headline "Who did the liberals send to prison?"

Powell's gala, which a Los Angeles police group canceled in December, raised \$2,500 according to Hailes.

NAACP holds demonstration in protest of fundraiser

By Akiba Solomon and Muthoni Wambu
Hilltop Staff Writers

As a light drizzle fell and darkness descended, members of the District of Columbia branch of the NAACP and supporters gathered in front of the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Northwest D.C. to protest a fundraising dinner for convicted Rodney King beater, former policeman Laurence Powell.

Sylvia Williams, executive director of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP, said, "We are totally appalled that the city is honoring a police officer who brutalized Mr. King. The ACLU and others did not allow it to take place in L.A., and we will not welcome this man in D.C."

The protest began at 7:15 p.m. with those in attendance carrying signs bearing such statements as "THERE IS NO HONOR IN POLICE MISCONDUCT" and "THE NAACP OPPOSES POLICE BRUTALITY" and lending their voices to the chant of the moment: "Hey hey, ho ho—Larry Powell has got to go!"

A melting pot of civil rights and grass-roots organizations were represented at the protest, including the Gray Panthers, the Anti-Defamation League and the National Black Police Association. The Rev. Jesse Jackson also made an appearance on behalf of his Rainbow Coalition.

Labeling Powell, unrepentant policeman, said, "For a Congress reward and support the gives brutality legitimacy, must be aware and fight."

Jackson was referring to event's alleged endorsement from Reps. Buck McKeon (Calif.) and Steve Stockman (Texas). A spokesman for Stockman said he was unaware of the use of his name. His administration was unavailable for comment at press time.

However, the crowd was completely composed of supporters. During the protest, two men in suits arrived. "Pat Buchanan for President" signs and one inflammatory remark by Jackson's statements to the press.

The demonstration was monitored by the D.C. Department of Police. Officer Brown, a spokesman for the department, said, "The hotel requested presence and that's where we are." Brown had no comment on the issue of police brutality, but said, "They [fundraisers] have the right to hold the event. It doesn't mean that I agree."

Lawyer and lobbyist Henderson summed up the sentiment of the protest. "Police brutality is unacceptable and we will call it for what it is."

Just then a new chant broke out: "No tribute to the L.A. police."

District control board slashes school, social aid budgets

By Steven Gray
Hilltop Staff Writer

In both a symbolic and drastic effort to trim D.C.'s budget, the District Control Board voted last week to strip \$19 million from D.C. Public Schools and over \$67.8 million from the district's Department of Human Services.

In addition to the education and social aid cuts, the board ordered D.C. Mayor Marion Barry and the D.C. City Council to cut their own budgets, while the control board cut its own \$3.5 million budget by 10 percent.

However, the board increased funding for the Washington Police Department and the Department of Public Works, two key city

divisions.

The control board increased the public works budget from \$126 million to \$149 million. In addition, the police department will receive a \$7 million budget increase, from \$235 million to \$242 million. City officials claim that the Police Department's new budget will allow it to hire at least 60 new officers.

In the midst of all of these budget revisions, a city council decision to cut \$3 million from the District's summer youth employment program has been reversed. Joyce Ladner, former interim president of Howard University, defended the board's ruling.

"Many of these youths rely on that money to buy school clothing

and supplement family income," said Ladner, who is also a member of the control board.

"I think that the proposed budget cuts will have a negative effect on the city's school system," said Zoe Bartholomew, a freshman Human Development major. "The kids are the ones who will inevitably lose the most. Already, there are too many kids who are walking around the streets of D.C. when they need to be in school. The cuts will lead to more violence and more trouble that we don't need."

Six public schools will shut down this fall, swelling the already over-crowded school system with more students in fewer classrooms with fewer teachers.

"There will be a lot of feisty teachers walking around D.C.,"

Bartholomew said. "For many teachers, this is the only source of income that they had. If they [the government] want to cut something, they need to cut the paychecks of our Congressmen," the Berkeley, Ca. native said.

The University of the District of Columbia faces a \$2 million dollar cut, but that measure is still pending. Earlier, Mayor Barry suggested closing UDC's School of Law.

A \$5.1 billion budget proposal by the D.C. Council has been rejected by the control board. In an attempt to meet the congressional ceiling of \$4.994 billion for the 1996 fiscal year, the control board cut total spending by \$87 million.

The D.C. Council has 15 days to create a plan to implement the cuts.

The Bullets hope to work magic with new name for 1997-98 season

By Steven Gray
Hilltop Staff Writer

Residents might say that pro-basketball in the District will never be the same.

After cheering on the Bullets for over three decades, Washingtonians are about to enter a new era.

Abe Pollin, owner of the local National Basketball Association franchise, announced last Thursday that the 33-year-old team would be changing its name to the Washington Wizards.

"It's someone who can do things," Pollin said at the press conference. "It's magic, flamboyant, smart, and a winner. All of those things connote a winner. Once we get the new logo and uniform and colors, it'll be fantastic. The NBA has very creative people."

The name change will become official when the team moves into the new MCI Center in downtown Washington for the 1997-98 season.

It was the wave of protest from area residents who linked the team's original name with the surge in violent crime that prompted Pollin to change the team's name.

"The Bullets have been a very important part of my life," he said. "In fact, it has been more important than most people know. The Bullets came at a time when I'd just lost my daughter. I was really not in life," he said.

Pollin continued, "The opportunity to buy the Baltimore Bullets brought me back into life. I won a world championship with it. I have a ring that says 'Bullets' and 'Pollin' on it; I'm prepared to give that up. If I can maybe make a difference and save some lives, that's more important than the history that will be lost."

Shortly after the 1994-95 season, Pollin announced that he would launch a name search that quickly became known as the Name That Team Contest. The team joined forces with a local restaurant and WRC-TV for the contest.

Over 500,000 names were submitted by area fans and five finalists were selected by a group of celebrities, which included, most notably, team members Juwan Howard and Chris Webber.

Ultimately, the decision was up to the millions of fans who voted on their favorite choice among: the Washington Wizards, the Washington Sea Dogs, the Washington Express, the Washington Stallions, and the Washington Dragons.

Pollin said that he is impressed with the amount of support he has received from area residents on his decision to change the team's name.

"What really fills my heart is how the community is so involved with my team," Pollin said. "They like the names. The don't like them. They were involved enough to be a part of it. They wanted to put their two cents in. If they didn't care I'd be sad."

Designing the team's new logo will be the next thing on Pollin's

agenda. NBA Properties, merchandising and artistic services, the association, is in the process of designing the team's new uniform. Retailers hope merchandise bearing the logo will hit stores by next season.

Nevertheless, even without a name change, the Bullets will be behind an impressive legacy. The team has won two championships and a 1978 NBA championship. Webber hopes to continue the legacy with the Wizards.

"I want a championship with 'Wizards' on it," Webber said in a television interview. "I have one with the Bullets, I want him to have a match with me."

Fifteen-year-old Payton, a Washington resident, said that he will remain loyal to the Bullets.

"Regardless, I am still a Bullets fan," he said. "I like CVS, I still call it People's Choice, I still going to call them the Bullets."



Restaurant Review: Paolo's Ristorante

By Jonathan L. Wharton
The Hilltop Connoisseur

Next time you're in Georgetown, instead of the usual M Street restaurant regulars, be sure to stop by Paolo's. This Italian restaurant is located at 1303 Wisconsin Ave., two blocks down from the G-2 bus stop.

Paolo's specialties include pasta dishes and seafood, but even their brick oven pizzas are a delicacy. Whatever you order, be sure to include Paolo's house salad, which is an exotic selection of olives, four types of lettuce, and cheeses. The presentations of the pasta dishes are a sight to behold as well. The dishes are works of art and deserve to be appreciated as such. The server even brings a wedge of Parmesan cheese and grates it right in front of you.

"I think our attention to the clientele makes us unique," restaurant manager Kenneth William Hunter said. "We do a lot

of things that make the guest pleased. There is always someone to greet you at the door, so we have a very strong following."

If you like decorative cuisine and hefty entrees, then Paolo's is the place for you. Menu suggestions include Radiatore Bolognese, Capelli Arrabbiata or one of their specialty pizzas made right before your eyes in an open kitchen and brick oven. Prices range from \$7.25 to \$16.95.

"The food is always fresh and our prices are competitive," Hunter said.

The restaurant's interior is trendy with art deco decorum and modern jazz playing in the stereo system. Paolo's has a large open dining floor and a window section towards the front of the bistro that opens into cafe style seating.

Service is very good and prompt, but with a lot of activity taking place. The prices are reasonable, but expect to order more than an entree if you are very hungry because the food is meant to be presented as well as eaten. Rating: A-

Ratings (based on a 1 to 10 scale, 10 being the highest)

Accessibility	8
Welcome/Greeting	9
Table Preparation	9
Overall Environment	8
Menu Selection	9
Meal Portions	8
Food Preparation	10
Taste of food	10+
Service	10
Cost	9
Overall	90

EYE ON D.C.

EPA warns of health risk in D.C. sewage systems

W. Michael McCabe, regional administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency, told a D.C. oversight committee last week that unless the District's deteriorating sewerage systems undergo immediate restoration, millions of area residents could soon risk contamination. "The drinking water and waste water systems in the region are in serious trouble," McCabe said. "We have been unable to bring about the kind of systematic improvements that are needed to ensure long-term protection of human health and the environment. The situation is not sustainable over time."

Over one million District residents and well over two million Maryland and Northern Virginia residents are serviced by the deteriorating sewerage systems, parts of which were built during the civil war.

Area officials estimate that repair costs will start at \$315 million.

Virginia Senate cracks down on minors and cigarettes

In the heart of tobacco country, the Virginia Senate passed legislation this week that would require cigarette buyers who appear to be under the age of 18 to present photo identification to shopkeepers, a move that will dramatically affect the tobacco industry.

The legislation goes into effect July 1. Shopkeepers who sell cigarettes or any other form of tobacco to minors will face a \$250 fine. "Virginia is actually ahead of the curve with this state, and I think we can be proud of the fact that Virginia is taking a leadership role," said Del. William C. Mimms (R-Va.). "We are saying we understand that tobacco is an important part of the Virginia economy, but it ought to be restricted only to adults. There will be zero tolerance for any efforts to sell tobacco to minors."

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AVOIDING A TICKET IS A SNAP

YOU COULD LEARN A LOT FROM A DUMMY

U.S. Department of Transportation
"Don't Drink and Drive" Campaign

NATIONAL

The Clintons face new Whitewater charges



President Clinton faces new charges in Whitewater.

By Jonathan Wharton
Hilltop Staff Writer

President and Mrs. Clinton are facing new charges by law enforcers, Congress and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) for their possible involvement in the Whitewater scandal.

Last week, the General Accounting Office (GAO), the government agency that investigates congressional projects, examined if David Watkins, a White House administrator, was lying about the firings at the White House Travel office. The staff workers at the travel office also worked for Hillary Clinton at the Whitewater real estate development

in Arkansas.

"We recently became aware of statements by or authorized to Mr. Watkins that are inconsistent with statements he made," said the GAO counsel.

Watkins said Mrs. Clinton did not fire the staff personnel, but a memo found by accident in the White House last month, written by Mack McClardy, White House Counselor to the president, stated that she participated in the firings. The GAO also interviewed the fired staff as well as others involved in the incident.

The implication is that Mrs. Clinton may have fired the staff so they would not implicate her in Whitewater.

The counsel assigned Black U.S. attorney Eric Holder to the

allegations. The report the GAO will release could be damaging to the Clintons and may affect upcoming elections.

President Clinton was subpoenaed last week to verify the firings of his wife Hillary, and her involvement in the real estate business.

Congressional leaders are pleased that the GAO findings have concluded so they can continue with their hearings on Whitewater.

"It is essential that the GAO can be truthful, and complete," Rep. William Clinger (R-Penn.) said.

Because of the controversy surrounding the Clintons involvement in Whitewater, many politicians are questioning the chances of Clinton winning in the fall presidential election.

Even the White House has said Whitewater could have a far-reaching negative impact.

"Whitewater will be a fact of life for the Clintons as long as they are alive," White House spokesman Michael McCurry said. His political enemies are determined to make this an issue.

Congressional Democrats are accusing the Republicans, especially finance chairman Sen. Alfonzo D'Amato (R-N.Y.), for wasting time and money on the Whitewater hearings.

"This is the longest hearing in the history of the United States," Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.) said. "Is all of this necessary?"

National Highlights

Judge rules in model's murder

A judge ruled that a confession made by a photographer accused of killing a model before she was buried in a coffin against him in his murder trial.

Judge Benjamin Aranda ruled that what photographer Charles "Chuck" Sobek told police the day he buried Linda Sobek's body, as well as subsequent statements made by him, could be used in the trial.

Aranda, who has pleaded not guilty, was interviewed by police Nov. 22 and led them to Linda's body.

Judge Aranda agreed with defense attorney Mark Werksman that Sobek's initial statements could not be heard at the trial.

The defendant was never allowed to remain silent during the 75 minutes of testimony.

months in prison for killing a wolf that was part of a project to restore wolves to Yellowstone National Park. A group of wolves were released in Yellowstone and Idaho last year as a federal effort to restore the species to the U.S. Rockies.

Chad McKittrick said he thought the gray wolf that strayed out of the park was a wild, dangerous dog.

Security breach causes airport terminal to close

After a security guard reported seeing a handgun in a purse that passed through a checkpoint, Phoenix airport's busiest terminal closed.

The closing delayed thousands of passengers and flights in and out of Sky Harbour International Airport's terminal 4.

"A security worker at an X-ray machine spotted what looked like a handgun in a purse," an airport spokeswoman said. "Before the officer could alert co-workers, the purse and its carrier were gone."

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Lawmakers question effectiveness of gift ban law

By Jonathan L. Wharton
Hilltop Staff Writer

When Republicans in Congress successfully pushed for a law banning gifts from lobbyists, they didn't know how hard it would be to follow.

The new law requires members of Congress to disclose all items, money and gifts with the Clerk of the House. The lobbyists must register with the clerk, as well.

"It's so dumb," Rep. Constance Morella (R-Md.) said. "If it's personalized, you say 'take it back,' so you wind up paying for it."



Rep. Chris Shays (R-Conn) believes the gift ban law will be worth the trouble in the end.

But freshman members are convinced that the law is doing some good.

"If it is a T-shirt then I will just send \$10," said Rep. Lynn Rivers (D-Mich.), who has already spent hundreds of dollars in gift reimbursements.

Dinners, lunches and specialty banquets also have to be recorded in members' expense reports.

"You don't know what qualifies. When does a reception become a meal and fall under this law?" one legislative assistant asked.

Rep. Pat Danner (R-Mo.) was invited to a dinner by TWA airlines in her district but could not eat her meal. The ethics committee ruled that the dinner invitation opposed the new rules.

"[TWA] thought it was the most ridiculous thing they have ever heard of," said Danner, whose husband is a TWA pilot. "I can't be more attached to TWA than I am now."

Even the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate are running into difficulties.

"There are some very complex things in this law," said Jerry Vans, assistant to House Clerk Robin Carle.

Vans also said hundreds of

lobbyists have been discussing the disclosure requirements at the Clerk's meetings.

The House allows lawmakers to accept gifts from their home state's organizations as long as it's of minimal value. The Senate allows lawmakers to accept gifts that are no more than \$50 from an individual and \$100 from an organization.

"It's troubling people," Rep. Gary Ackerman (D-N.Y.) said. "People don't know if they are breaking the rules. Members are in a quandary. Many are asking for ethics committee rulings."

Still, House Republican leaders are satisfied with the results. Rep. Chris Shays (R-Conn.), one of the lawmakers who proposed the bill, said in the end the law will be worth the trouble.

"In the short run, it becomes a problem, but in the long run it is an easy situation to remedy," Shays said. "It is a matter of saying we have a federal law that is against the law for me to accept this gift."

Yet, some said there should be a limit to the law's requirements.

"There is a line of reason that ought to be drawn somewhere in all of this," Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio) said.

Motorola launches recovery service for radio systems

Janelle Lynette Thompson
Hilltop Staff Writer

Imagine that Howard County's two-way radio system is unable to operate in the event of an emergency because of a fire, vandalism, a tornado, hurricane or other natural disaster. Motorola has the answer to this dilemma with its new disaster recovery service, the first comprehensive recovery program designed to restore two-way radio communications if a disaster strikes.

Lane, vice president and general manager of Motorola's disaster recovery division said the service may be the first program of its kind for radio communications users.

One of our greatest concerns is getting those systems up and running," Lane said. "Now they have Motorola's full support if disaster strikes."

With frequent earthquakes, hurricanes and floods in the last few

years, more people are concerned about the need for disaster recovery. Government entities, insurance companies and stockholders are increasingly mandating recovery plans for their agencies, clients and companies.

Fifty percent of firms that do not recover from disasters within 10 days either never fully recovered or went out of business within one year.

With the disaster recovery service, America's service division will quickly repair or replace fixed equipment and two-way radio units damaged by such disasters. The

service is provided as an extension to a customer's existing Motorola service agreement.

The feature is handy but requires

recovery service program is based on a communication impact analysis performed by Motorola personnel. The analysis identifies

hours a day, 365 days a year. With just one phone call, a complete network of resources can be accessed quickly to respond to each

and then we can be prepared if they call. At a time when organizations everywhere are concerned about having to manage all kinds of crises, it will be comforting to know that they are prepared and supported if their communications system goes down."

Motorola's land mobile products sector is one of the world's leading providers of analog and digital two-way voice and data radio products and systems for conventional, shared and private

applications. Based in Schaumburg, Ill., the sector has manufacturing, product design, sales and service facilities worldwide.

The first step in disaster recovery is to prepare for it. Our objective is to help our customers develop their own plan and then we can be prepared if they call.

-Tony Lane, Vice-President and General Manager

a fee. "The fee depends on the size and the complexity of a business's system," said Pat Schod, public relations director for Motorola. A customer's specific disaster

the equipment, personnel and logistics necessary to bring a customer's individual system back on line following a disaster. This information is stored in Motorola's database, ready for quick access 24

customer's critical needs and restore its communications system.

"The first step in disaster recovery is to prepare for it," Lane said. "Our objective is to help our customers develop their own plan,

Capitol Highlights

Buchanan accused of using racially insensitive tactics



former Republican presidential candidate Senator Phil Gramm (R-Texas) accused Pat Buchanan of using flimsy out at the Louisiana state about Gramm's former

no room for bigotry" in his campaign.

President Clinton was outspoken about the issue and the conservatives in the GOP.

"No party can tolerate that sort of thing and none of our people should," Clinton said.

Last week, Buchanan was accused of having a Ku Klux Klan supporter organizing his campaign.

Governors' Association Plans programs for Congress

The National Governors' Association has been on Capitol Hill for almost two weeks holding committee hearings and meeting with lawmakers to work on strategies for national programs.

Reform plans include Medicaid and Welfare proposals.

But the governors have been receiving some negative reaction to their ideas.

"You can do much better than this," said David Ellwood of the White House task force on Welfare. "You risk too much with this reform package."

Even the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) is opposed to the planned legislation for Medicaid assistance to patients with AIDS.

"It jeopardizes the health coverage and lives of people with HIV/AIDS," said NMAC Government Relations Director Miguelina Maldonado. "The governors have fashioned a proposal that will give them the ability to determine who is eligible, what service will be considered, how long the services will be provided and what the level of reimbursement will be."

Hillary Clinton investigated for using public money

First Lady Hillary Clinton is being investigated for using federal money for her book tour.

It is estimated that Hillary Clinton has spent \$69,360 traveling to promote her book about children. She has been flying around the country on an Air Force plane.

The estimation does not include the time and costs of the protection the Secret Service is providing her.

"This security comes at some expense to the taxpayer and we regret that, but the Secret Service made a vacuum recommendation, and we have to listen to them," said deputy press secretary for Hillary Clinton Neal Latimore.

The publishing company, Simon and Schuster, will reimburse the government for about 20 percent of the costs.

At the same time, Republican presidential candidates have been attacking Hillary Clinton.

"They look like they are trying to attack [Mr. Clinton] through her,"

said White House advisor George Stephanopoulos. "It energizes and solidifies supporters of the first lady and I doubt whether it would change any minds."

Rep. Waldholtz faces unlikely competition

Rep. Enid Greene Waldholtz (R-Utah), the congresswoman whose husband is being investigated for embezzling \$1 million in campaign money, is now facing competition by her former staffer.

David Harmer, who was Waldholtz's campaign manager and top staff person in her congressional office, will run in the coming November election.

"I'm not going to touch Enid," Harmer said. "Frankly, I think it's time to move on."

Compiled by Jonathan L. Wharton

INTERNATIONAL

Forum highlights struggles of Latin American Blacks, encourages resolution for change

By Jonathan L. Wharton
Hilltop Staff Writer

To many African Americans, racism is a term that is reserved for Blacks in the United States. But those who attended the seminar, Status of Blacks in Latin America, understand that racism is a global problem.

The two-hour seminar hosted by the International Affairs Center at Howard University brought to the forefront the poor treatment of Blacks in South America and encouraged resolutions for change.

The president of the Cimarron Movement in Colombia, Juan de Dios Mosquera, said people of African descent should band together to conquer racism.

"They were trying to divide us and we are trying to reconstruct our family—our global Black family," de Dios Mosquera said. "In my country, we depend on our Black brothers and sisters. We need the political and economic solidarity of brothers and sisters to pressure the politicians in Colombia. That is

fundamental. As soon as it is realized that Black Colombians are family, we will be a strong force."

Jorge Ramirez Reyna, president of the Black Human Rights Movement in Peru, said Peruvian Blacks are so oppressed they do not understand that they are being oppressed.

"We are fighting an invisible fight," Reyna said. "Once the Black people in Peru realize that there is the problem of racism in our country, we can start the battle."

He added that a major problem Peruvian Blacks face is the lack of Blacks in political office.

"Some may not even vote for their own brothers or sisters in an election," Reyna said. "Racism has done such a good job on Blacks that they start believing the Black candidates are invalid."

In Uruguay, Blacks struggle to achieve economically, socially and politically as well, said Romero Jorge Rodriguez, president of the African World Organization of Uruguay.

"There is not one Black businessman or public official. This

is the reality and we have to change this," Rodriguez said. "But the fact that we are in Washington proves that we are going to express ourselves and look at the possibilities. We think we can succeed."

In addition to a lack of opportunities, Blacks in Uruguay are struggling to reclaim their heritage.

"Bear in mind, there is a total lack of awareness among Blacks of their identity, Rodriguez said. "This is a serious problem we must face."

Racism is also prevalent in Venezuela said Jesus Chucho Garcia, president of the Foundation of Afro-America of Venezuela. Evidence of this is found in the Venezuelan job market and in the country's immigration laws.

"There is an official racism in Venezuela—let's say that," Garcia said. "Since Venezuela has been in existence, it has been using racism as a tool to not accept Caribbean residents, particularly Blacks."

However, the situation is not as bleak in Argentina. Lucia Molina, a political activist from Santa Fe, said Argentina is trying to deal with

segregation and improve conditions for Blacks. But, the country still needs to make improvements.

"We are surviving, but we are there," Molina said. "In Argentina, the historical memory is present, but racism is trying to erase our Black history. We need to make more improvements and state our pressures to move forward."

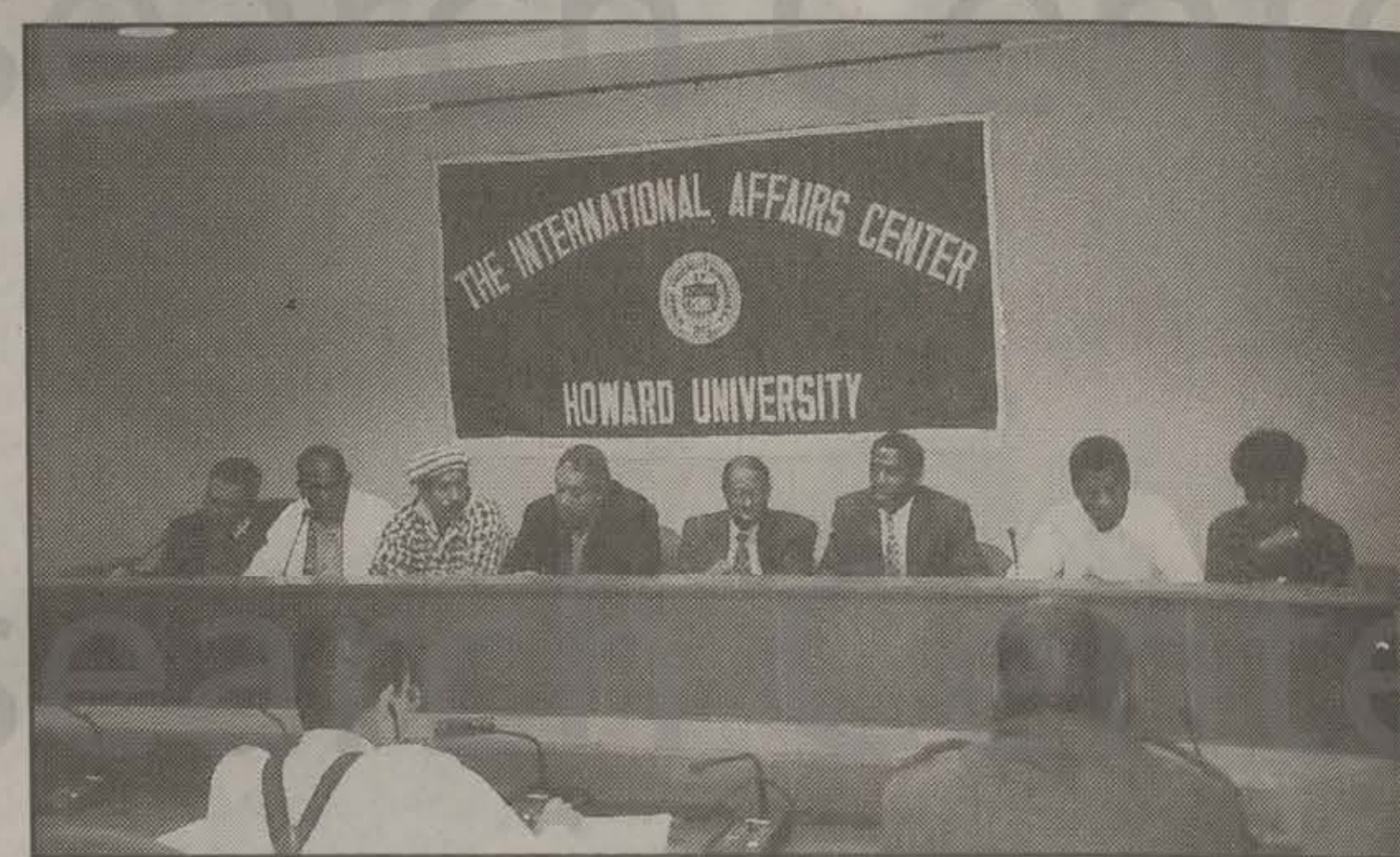
Panelists agreed that Blacks need education to eliminate racism throughout the world.

"One of the greatest ways to make changes among our people and let them succeed is through the power of education," said Gilbert Numes Leal, leader of the Black Movements in Brazil.

Political Science Department chairman Ron Walters, the moderator of the event, said the lecture gave students the chance to find out about other Black people in the Diaspora.

"This is truly important," he said. "We have been trying to bring people of African descent together for a long time and this gives Howard the opportunity to do it."

Students were able to hear Black



Panelists lead audience members in an open dialogue concerning issues facing the Black community in South America.

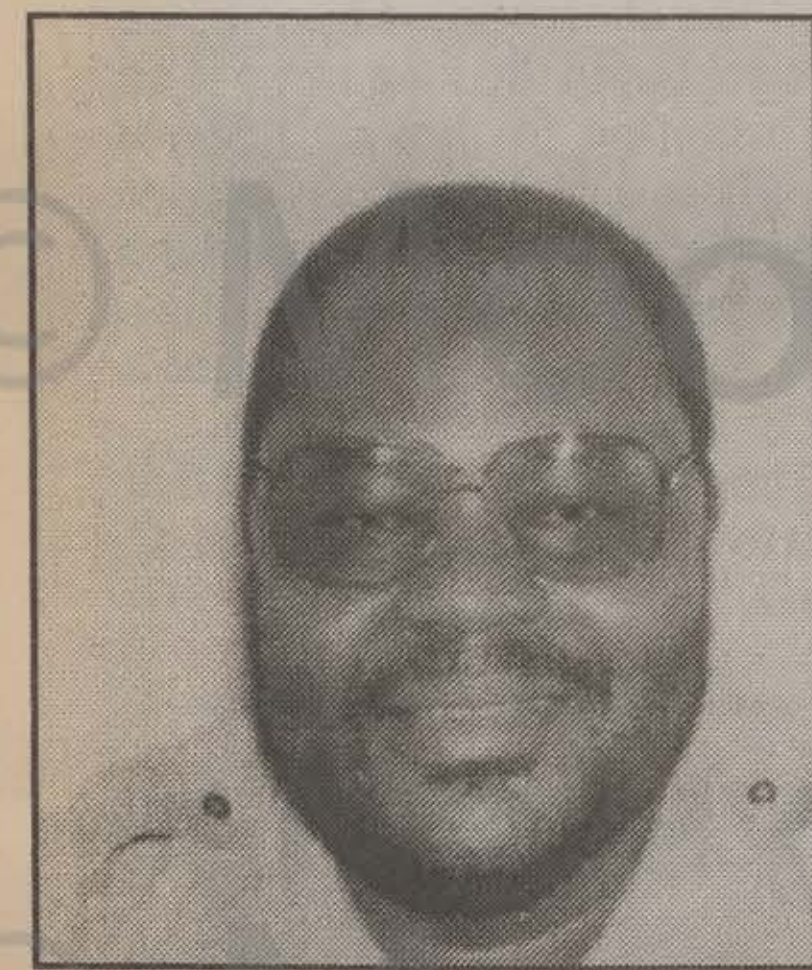
South American activists voice their struggle for equality and how they are striving to overcome racism in South America.

Legal communications major Davinia Seay said the lecture gave insight into international issues.

"I thought [the symposium] was very enlightening," said Chantenia Gay, a senior majoring in Spanish at Howard. "I was glad to see Blacks from different movements bring up issues facing our people in South America."

"The discussion was very informative," the freshman said. "It was good for students at Howard. Almost every country was represented from South America, which made it excellent."

An international perspective International community must assist in Liberian peace effort



By Amos Mohammad Sirleaf
Hilltop Staff Writer

Since the signing of last year's peace accord that called for an end to a six-year civil war, Liberia has undergone a traumatic series of events.

Earlier this year, African peacekeeping forces were dispatched to evacuate more than 100 civilians from a port in southwest Liberia because of

failed to include all parties in the formation of Liberia's new government. The isolationism caused several factions that were left out to resume fighting.

Re-igniting the conflict, the ULIMO-J attacked a peacekeeping force while it was deploying troops for disarmament.

Johnson then sought to remove the governor of Liberia's National Bank, Raleigh Seekie, because Seekie was appointed by the United Liberation Movement for Democracy in Liberia (ULIMO-K), a group Johnson said initiated an attack against the ULIMO-J because the diamond-rich territory that lies within the boundaries of both groups territories is under ULIMO-J control.

In addition to the fighting between the ULIMO-K and the ULIMO-J, conflicts have erupted between several other factions.

The existing chaos has many Liberians urging Wilton Sankawulo, chairman of Liberia's transitional government, to take action and work toward a resolution.

It is important for all Liberians to continue to discuss what is happening in their country...

attacks by rebel factions who were vying for political control.

Headed by Roosevelt Johnson, an ethnic group known as the United Liberation Movement for Democracy in Liberia (ULIMO-J) was responsible for attacks that left hundreds of people fleeing the capital and neighboring areas. As a result of the fighting, Liberian streets became littered with bodies of women, children and elderly people.

After almost 20 failed attempts at peace, a new accord signed in Abuja, Liberia last August amended accords that were previously signed and set the stage for the conflict's end.

Within the Abuja accord, all warring factions were called to cease fire. In addition, the agreement created a six-member council of state and provided for presidential elections to be held this August.

But despite initiatives by Liberia's peace keepers, an ongoing genocidal war continues to grip the nation.

Observers speculate that part of the reason for the recent massacres stems from a lack of effort on the part of each faction to work together.

Initially, when the Abuja peace accord was signed last August, it

For the crisis to end, Sankawulo and the rest of the peace keepers must create a multi-party coalition and share power because the root cause of these civil conflicts must be addressed for the fighting to end. By itself, no peace accord can solve the age-old conflicts brewing in Liberia.

It is important for all Liberians to continue to discuss what is happening in their country and share their anger and frustration over the prolonged civil war that has caused many Liberians to suffer and die in refugee camps.

Therefore, the international community must support the African peacekeeping forces who are working to enforce the peace accord and the permanent conflict resolution.

In addition, the U.S. should offer financial assistance and send a special envoy to Liberia to assist the peace keepers as they work toward disarmament.

The writer is a Ph.D. candidate in the School of African Studies at Howard University and is the founder of the National Alliance of Liberians Abroad for National Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Liberia.

International Week to focus on University's cultural diversity

By Ndimyake Mwakalyele
Hilltop Staff Writer

In an effort to recognize the diverse cultures on campus, Howard University will host its annual International Week beginning Mar. 10.

Under the theme Creating A Global Community: Reaching Beyond National Boundaries, event planners say International Week will focus on bringing unity, understanding and international awareness to Howard.

"The focus of International Week is to promote international and cultural awareness here at the University," said Darryl E. Zeigler, associate director of the Office of International Student Services. "Many people take it for granted how diverse our international community is."

Zeigler said Howard has a long and distinguished history of representing international students, who now make up 10 percent of the student population.

Although the week will have an international focus, Zeigler stressed that International Week is not only for international students, but for the entire Howard community. He urges all students and faculty to attend the upcoming events.

The planning of International Week has been the result of a combined effort of faculty, staff and other student organizations and will open with A Call to Chapel on Mar. 10 at 11 a.m. in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel.

"We will take a few minutes to address the audience and also address international student issues on campus," said Gloria McField, vice president of International Students Association.

In addition, all international students will be recognized during the service.

A cultural showcase and awards dinner will take place Monday, Mar. 11 and feature a dance exhibition of ensembles from West Africa, Korea and Spain in the Blackburn Center's East Ballroom at 6:00 p.m.

"This is the first time this kind of event is taking place," said Prudence Layne, president of the ISA, who added that since the admission fee is \$2, most students will be able to afford it.

The awards dinners will commemorate the contributions students involved in international issues have made to Howard.

"We will be providing [students with] certificates for the importance of increasing awareness of cultural diversity at Howard University," Zeigler said.

Other events include a series of international films that will be shown in the Punch Out (located on the ground level of the Blackburn Center) throughout the week. They will begin at 7:00 p.m. and continue until 10:00 p.m.

Students are encouraged to look for fliers on campus or listen to WHUR and WHMM for further details.

**Howard University
International Week 1996
Creating a Global Village: Reaching Beyond National Boundaries
Call (202) 806-7517 for more information**

Tentative Schedule

Sunday, Mar. 10

Call to Chapel
11:00 a.m., Rankin Chapel

Monday, Mar. 11

International Dance Festival

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., East Ballroom, Blackburn University Center
Performers will present culturally oriented dance acts. A reception will follow. Ticket price: \$3 at Cramton Auditorium box office

Tuesday, Mar. 12

Film Series

7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., Punchout, Blackburn University Center
Film: TBA

Wednesday, Mar. 13

Presentation

"Languages and Career Building"

12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., Hilltop Lounge, Blackburn University Center
A panel of experts will lead a discussion of issues related to the topic. A reception will follow.

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7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., Punchout, Blackburn University Center
Film: TBA

Thursday, Mar. 14

Cultural Showcase and Awards Dinner

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Ballroom, Blackburn University Center
This event features culturally oriented performances, an awards presentation, and international cuisine.
Ticket Price: \$5 (students) \$10 (non-students) at Cramton Auditorium box office

Friday, Mar. 15

Games Extravaganza

4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Recreational Room, Blackburn University Center
Film: TBA

Anacostia Museum exhibit showcases French and Caribbean music

By Patricia Hardin
Hilltop Staff Writer

Those who consider themselves music connoisseurs may want to invest some time this weekend at the Smithsonian Institute's English and French Caribbean music exhibit at the Anacostia Museum.

The exhibit focuses on the role music plays in maintaining the cultural identity of Caribbean communities in Washington, D.C., from the 1940s to present day.

"For more than 40 years, English and French Caribbean music in Washington has served as a point of introduction to Caribbean culture for non-Caribbean Washingtonians," said Kim Freeman, guest curator at the Anacostia Museum. "Additionally, the music provides a means for maintaining a sense of connectedness to island homelands for Caribbean immigrants living in the metropolitan area."

Participants will be immersed

in culture and artistry as presenters showcase reggae and dancehall from Jamaica, calypso and soca from Trinidad and konpas direk and zouk from Haiti and the French Antilles.

Also on display are a variety of photos, artwork and popular Caribbean recordings, all of which are divided into five sections.

One section participants may want to note is the Early Years of Caribbean Music: 1940s to 1950s, which highlights some of the first places Caribbean music emerged.

The second section, Building a Caribbean Music Community: 1960 to 1980s, highlights the history of live performances, while Reviving the Vibe: mid-1980s to the present explores how Caribbean music has been revitalized.

The exhibit is one that event coordinators say is a "must see," not only because the exhibit is entertaining, but because it is educational.

"I hope that visitors to the

exhibition will

come away with

the understanding

that the presence

of Caribbean

music in the

District is a

result of com-

mitted Carib-

bean and non-

Caribbean

people and

institutions,"

Freeman said.

"[Their] efforts

have built

bridges over the

boundaries of

geography and

language."

The Anacostia

Museum is

located at 1901

Fort Place S.E.

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tion are from

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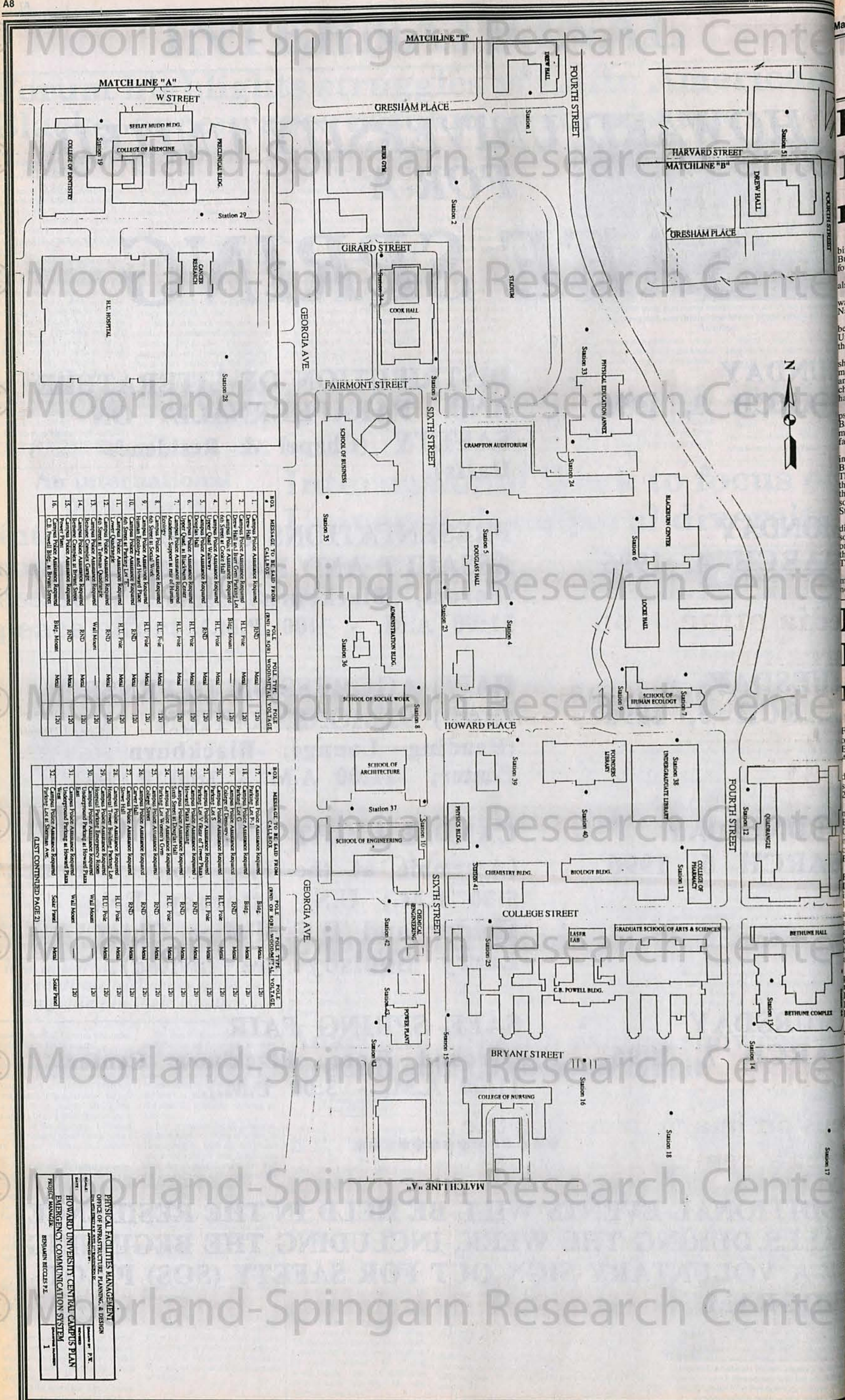


Several Caribbean music murals painted by Kamah Frank Benjamin will be on display at the English and French Caribbean Music exhibit at the Anacostia Museum.

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EDITORIAL

Howard celebrates 129th birthday, must reclaim its vision

Howard University celebrates its 129th birthday. Named after the head of the Freedman's Bureau, Gen. Otis Oliver Howard, the University was founded March 2, 1867. Howard can be praised for its last 129 years. It can be criticized and improved. Howard, the third president of the University, is known for his fierce attacks and mass killings of Blacks. He also said he funded the Freedman's Bureau. Blacks needed to be looked after. But this university has taken his name and made it honorable world over. A few years ago, a report was released that Howard pays its administrators more than schools in the area, while the faculty's salary is among the lowest. Along with the lack of endowment, Howard's collection of distinguished scholars is dwindling. Frances Cress Welsing, renowned Black scholar, biologist and author of the "Isis Papers," Mary Howard, head of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and others within the last 10 years have left Howard's campus. Howard is the capstone of Negro education, the premiere institution of Black America and now the "Mecca" of Black colleges. Howard must qualify for those titles. Howard University Mission Statement, adopted by the Board of Trustees in September 1988, states that the University shall be dedicated "to the quest for solutions to human and social problems in the United States and throughout the world." It is good to say that through the development of distinguished students, Howard is on the quest for solutions. But it is different when you have a committee whose function is to research the problems of Black world and propose and implement solutions. It is what we should be discussing on Charter Day. As well as being the premiere Black institution, which is the premiere independent institution, which we are not. More than half of our budget is

provided to us by Congress. This allows the federal government to have a huge influence in our University's decisions. It was never meant for Howard to receive appropriations forever. We were to gradually become independent. Howard is not going to free itself from the grip of Congress overnight. We must devise an independence plan. The government is already threatening to cut our funding. We should tell them we don't want their money before they force us off welfare. Despite all of its problems, Howard is still a thriving center for education. Renowned scholar Frederick Douglass walked this campus. Also Charles Drew, E. Franklin Frazier, Carter G. Woodson, Sterling Brown, Ralph Bunche, Locke and many other distinguished scholars made Howard their home. We are sometimes referred to as the "Black Harvard." Harvard itself though is now trying to build a strong Black department of their own. Newsweek, The Washington Post and many other publications are hailing Harvard's African American Studies Department as the "Dream Team." Chairman Henry Louis Gates Jr. has assembled a group of top scholars to teach the handful of Black students who major in African Studies at the prestigious university. True, Howard's faculty doesn't enjoy much of the big names that it used to, but we still have quality professors who are going beyond the classroom to serve their people. If our mission is "the development of distinguished and compassionate graduates and the quest for solutions to human and social problems," then that should be our uncompromising agenda. To be the "Mecca" is to be the center or the bloodline. We have to be the heart of the Black world. We shouldn't experience a form of brain drain where Black America's scholars would rather teach at schools where we constitute less than two percent of the student body. Students and professors from across the globe should want to make their pilgrimage at the "Mecca," Howard University.

Media attacks on Farrakhan's tour mislead Americans

has been written and said about Min. Louis Farrakhan over the last six months. After successfully raising the Million Man March, his support from America was further solidified and White America found it hard to attack him. In mid-January, Min. Farrakhan, along with a group of over 30 people, including political and racial leaders, embarked on a "Friendship Tour" to various cities in 36 days. Unfortunately, the Black community had to rely on the mainstream media to report on this trip. Last Sunday, in an address to 15,000 people live in Chicago and millions via television, Farrakhan cleared things up. "This trip was to extend the message of reconciliation and reconciliation internationally," Farrakhan said. Many people were alarmed when reports of Farrakhan "cavorting with dictators" were circulated. In mid-80s, the U.S. accused Libya of involvement in the shooting down of Pan Am Jet Liner 103. Libyan leader, Muammar Gadhafi, complied with international law and agreed to turn over the Libyan citizens involved in the crime, only if the trial would be held in Libya. Only when his request was denied did Gadhafi refuse to turn over the men. America later killed Gadhafi's personal home, killing his young daughter. After Farrakhan met with Nelson Mandela, the South African leader to the United States, Farrakhan was met with Gadhafi and the United States. Instead, Mandela commended Farrakhan and said he would have met with the other leaders as well. The death of Ken Saro-Wiwa, a writer and political leader in Nigeria, was alarming to Blacks across the

Diaspora, especially in the United States. Many quickly condemned Nigerian authorities for the execution. Farrakhan and the delegation met with Ghana President, Jerry Rawlings and numerous heads of state in Africa to get their advice before traveling to Nigeria. What Farrakhan and the delegation suggested was that a team of Black attorneys and leaders investigate the executions and report their findings to the world. This would indeed be better than blindly accepting the word of the American government. The "Friendship Tour" also went to Gambia, where the president is 31 and the vice president is 26. The two leaders told Farrakhan that they were raised listening to his tapes. Many thought that speaking to over a million Black men might be the pentacle of Farrakhan's career. In Iran though, Farrakhan spoke to five million people live and over 60 million across the television. The mainstream press didn't tell the American people about most of this trip. World leaders opened their homes, the people of these nations gave tremendous support and the Friendship Tour delegation spread the message of atonement. We shouldn't easily accept what the daily paper or the nightly news writes or says about us. We must remain loyal to the Black press and most importantly we should hear from the source before judging. It is understandable to be concerned about what Farrakhan was doing overseas, but a rush to judgment is incorrect. Uniting the African Diaspora is rhetoric that many leaders speak about. When Farrakhan speaks about unity, why is he condemned or looked at skeptically? Trust in our leadership is essential. And reliance upon a media which has historically betrayed us is idiotic.

Letter to the Editor Focus on image tarnishes the Mecca's reputation

Editor: After reading the article "Facing Life's Trials After Life in Prison" on Terrence Johnson in the Feb. 1996 issue of The Hilltop, I must admit I felt emotions. Being a resident of Prince George's County for 22 years, I was well aware of Mr. Johnson's run-in with the law, his historical trial and his imprisonment, as well as the evil spirits of racism that plagued the incident. Nevertheless, while serving nearly two decades in prison, it was inspirational to see that Mr. Johnson let his mind expand beyond the four corners of his cell to attend high school and earn a business degree from State University with a 3.6 GPA. However, I was upset to hear about the unexpected incident he faced trying to enter a law school after his release. No, he did not encounter this racist protesters or tough entrance exams, but the so-called "Mecca" of higher learning itself, Howard University. I am Miller, director of admissions at the law school. We got letters from alumni who said they were going to give any more money to the school if

we admitted him." The school also received strong disapproval from faculty members and administrators. As an alumnus of Howard, I am very disappointed in this institution which instilled in its students that we should help our fellow "brother" and take care of our own, even if no one else does. But it appears that Howard only wants to take care of those who can promote an image that will generate dollars. This man has already been tried and released. Does Howard University, which is made up of his own (Black) people, feel the need to do it again? Luckily for Johnson and the University of the District of Columbia—where he's currently earning his law degree—there was an institution of higher learning that was more concerned with education than with appearances. With that, maybe Howard should spend less time in the dug-out being concerned with what others think and worry about practicing what they preach. Ironically, their image is probably more tarnished now by not reaching out to help someone who was trying to help himself, than by turning their backs on him. Dr. I.M. Shame, Howard alumnus



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Dream Ride

OUR TIME TOGETHER WAS LIKE A ROCKET RIDE
TO HEAVEN

BUT I SHOULD'VE PREDICTED THAT SOMETHING
BAD WOULD
HAPPEN
WHEN WE ROARED OFF BEFORE THE INITIAL
COUNTDOWN.

HIGHER AND HIGHER WE ROSE PASSING CLOUD
NINE IN A
MATTER OF SECONDS.

WE PUT TO SHAME THE PHARSE THAT SKY IS
THE LIMIT.

AND WISHED UPON THE STARS THAT HURLED
BY.

I GUESS THE ANTICIPATION OF OUR DESTINA-
TION CAN OVERWHELM
EVEN THE MOST EXPERIENCED OF PILOTS.

MY FIRST MISTAKE WAS LETTING YOU TAKE OVER
MY CONTROLS.
I KNEW IT WAS AGAINST ALL THE RULES.

BUT SOMEHOW YOU KNEW ALL THE RIGHT BUT-
TONS TO PUSH.

EVERYTHING WAS GOING SO WELL I FOOLISHLY
DECIDED
TO "SPEED UP" OUR MISSION.

AS I PUSHED THE THROTTLE TO THE FLOOR I
COULD ONLY DREAM
OF OUR DESTINATION.

NEEDLESSLY TO SAY I NEGLECTED TO CHECK
OUR FUEL GAUGE.

I AWAKENED FROM MY DEAM TO SEE MY CO-
PILOT BAILING
OUT WITH THE LAST PARACHUTE.

AS THE ROCKET PLUMMETED TO EARTH I COULD
ONLY WAIT
FOR THE INEVITABLE CRASH!!!!

GALLERY EDITOR

You Left Me

I SAW AN ANGEL STANDING BEHIND YOU
AS YOU WERE LYING IN MY BED
I TURNED TO STARE AT YOU
AND THERE WAS A GLOW AROUND YOUR
HEAD

I LOOKED AWAY AND THEN LOOKED
BACK,

I NOTICED YOU WERE GONE.
YOU LEFT ME.

I THOUGHT I SAW YOU LAST NIGHT
WALKING PAST MY ROOM
AROUND YOUR ENTIRE BODY
THERE WAS A GLOW FROM THE MOON

I OPENED MY WINDOW TO CALL YOU
BUT NOTICED YOU WERE GONE.
YOU LEFT ME.

I SAW YOU TODAY
CROSSING THE STREET
THE ILLUMINATION FROM THE SUN
MADE YOUR PROFILE APPEAR COM-
PLETE.

I RAN QUICKLY TO CATCH YOU
ALAS, YOU WERE GONE.
YOU LEFT ME.

I OFTEN SIT AND WONDER
WHY YOU HAD TO GO
DEATH IS A MOST CRUEL
VIOLENT, VENGEFUL FOE.

WITH HIM I CAN'T COMPETE
I'LL REMAIN ALL ALONE
I MUST NOW ACCEPT
THAT YOU'RE FOREVER GONE
YOU LEFT ME.

Nadine LaBorde

DON'T KEEP ME HANGIN' ON

Hey baby, ain't you ever heard that
"A good woman is hard to find?"
Has it ever crossed your smoke-filled mind,
That i ain't gonna keep hangin' on?
You don't call me,
So I cry almost every night.
Most times I miss gettin' my calls,
Waitin' for you to call
Sayin' you're alright.
Oh no, darlin' I don't want
No weak apologies,
talikin' 'bout all the time
And funds you lack.
Please, don't get down on your
Hands and knees,
Beggin' me to take your ass back.
Darlin', you see I've wised up,
Now you know that you've messed up.
Don't have time to compromise.
I'm tellin' the truth,
'Cause this ain't no time to lie.
Now, pack your bags
And say your sorry goodbyes.
No, don't worry about me,
I'll make out okay.
Maybe, one day you'll realize
that I didn't need you anyway.

Kesi Stribling

Good Enough

**I thought I was speacial
A close friend to you
But I see I'm like all the others
Some thing for you to screw**

**You can't promise to commit
At least that's what you said
though it seems you'd have no problem
Sleeping in my bed**

**Don't insult my intellect
i can see through your game
To you I'm another body
I'm just another name**

**If you're looking for a good time
Then you're certainly out of luck
I have a mind as well as a body
I'm more than just a good f—k**

**My words may be harsh
I'm only saying how I feel
I don't want to get hurt
I'm just trying to be real**

**I thought you were different
Not like the other guys
Obviously I was wrong
I can see it in your eyes**

**You say that you respect me
though that may be true
You have a poor way of showing it
Will you respect me in the morning too?**

Misty Starks

RACING THE SUN

EVERYTHING SEEMS LIKE A RACE
AT SUNRISE. I GIVE THANKS FOR
ANOTHER CHANCE
ALL DAY LONG. I RACE.
I RUN TO DO AS MUCH AS I CAN
BEFORE THE END.
OF THE DAY. THAT IS.
FOR. AT TIMES I WORRY MY MIND'S
REAPING
WANTS TO COME TO PASS
BEFORE THE SUN SAILS AWAY.
SO I RUN
AT MOON'S RISE. IT'S NICE TO
REFLECT AND SEE
I'VE DONE SOMETHING OF SUB-
STANCE.
SO I RUN
I MIGHT MISS THAT OPPORTUNITY
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.
SO I RUN.
WHAT IF TOMMORROW THE SUN
DOESN'T
RISE FOR ME?
I MUST RUN SO.
AT THE END OF THE DAY I CAN
SAY: WITH A SIGH.
OK
AND PRAY MY ENDLESS MELAN-
CHOLY THOUGHTS DON'T
BLOOM FRUIT DURING THE NIGHT.

—ANONYMOUS 1

YOU WEREN'T THERE

I WAS FEELING MELLOW TODAY
JUST WANTED TO HANG AND
CHILL
WATCH A MOVIE. LISTEN TO MUSIC
EAT A HOME-COOKED MEAL
I WAS SURE I COULD COUNT ON
YOU
LEAVE ME HANGING? YOU
WOULDN'T DARE
WHEN I CAME AROUND TO PICK
YOU UP
YOU'D DRIVEN OFF SOMEWHERE

I HAD A GREAT DAY TODAY
I WANTED TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT
IT
I WAS BURSTING WITH JOY
ENOUGH TO SCREAM AND SHOUT
IT
YOU WERE THE FIRST PERSON I
THOUGHT OF
WITH WHOM I WANTED TO SHARE
I DAILED AND DAILED YOUR NUM-
BER
WHEN I CALLED, YOU WEREN'T
THERE

I WAS AT MY BEST TODAY
I KNOW YOU WERE THE PROUDEST
I COULD ALMOST HEAR THE LOVE
IN YOUR VOICE
I'M SURE YOU YELLED THE LOUDEST
I LOOKED UP IN THE STANDS
TO SEARCH YOUR FACE FOR THE
CARE
BUT IT WAS JUST MY IMAGAINA-
TION
BECAUSE, AGAIN YOU WEREN'T
THERE

I WAS KINDA SAD TODAY
FEELING A LITTLE DOWN
BUT I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON
YOU
YOU WERE ALWAYS AROUND
I KNOCKED ON YOUR DOOR
WITH MY PROBLEMS, READY TO
SHARE
BUT NO ONE EVER ANSWERED
WHEN I NEEDED YOU MOST, YOU
WEREN'T THERE
Misty Starks

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With the appearance of the full moon, you'll have to choose between your needs first and giving in to the demands of a loved one. Does she want to lay a guilt trip on you because you now want to take care of the job done is the way to go. April 20

You don't have to be conniving to get ahead. And although you may resist the urge to overstate your case, being truthful always pays. When you spend your time with people who know that you deserve to be treated with respect, you'll find that the job done is the way to go. April 20

You will spend more time in the minor improving your appearance. Men you meet now will be by your charisma. Be selective when you spend your time with people who know that you deserve to be treated with respect, you'll find that the job done is the way to go. April 20

Don't let the full moon on the horizon harmony. Disregard overly people in your life now. Just trust your intuition and listen to your inner voice. It's okay to let your heart rule your mind. With the blessings of the full moon, your intuition is over time. Tip: Take advantage of educational opportunities. June 21-July 22

Be focused on your future. If you're listening to pessimistic people, you're definitely making a mistake. When they are, but continue to hear them. Be aware that some people's good game may be exaggerated. Use your intuition and ask for proof; don't let them over on you! June 21-July 22

The full moon's energy will be in the money this month. There are a lot of matters you just can't ignore. Concerns about money will be in the air. Analyze your economic situation and see where you need to go. Don't spend to impress others; spend on what your real needs are. Once you gain control of your spending, you can pay off creditors. July 23-Aug. 23-Sept. 22

With the full moon moving into the 5th, it's definitely time to take a look at your red suit. You're waiting. You're very helpful. You also have to remember that you're number one. Some Virgos are residence and have a lot of things to do. Keeping a positive attitude will help you accomplish what you must do. Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Pay attention to your higher creative energy is powerful. To take full advantage of it, you are about to meet some members of the opposite sex. Be sure to take your time, and don't draw conclusions about anyone. Consider your own feelings. You're getting what you deserve! Oct. 23-Nov. 22

Changes are inevitable. Don't force a situation. Be patient with people who are giving advice; reality will hit them. Some family members or people you know and check the messages on your machine—you don't want to miss anything important! Oct. 23-Nov. 22

People close to you may be on an ego trip. Watch what they say to loved ones—sometimes the truth is in the full moon, you're surrounded by occurrences. Though it's hard, you don't always have to listen. Just chill out and listen to your feelings. Now's the time to let those that have been bothering you. You'll meet people who help propel you toward your goals. Dec. 21-Jan. 19

Some short trips should be taken this month. When you're on the road, make sure that you're running well. Connecting with people who live far away can be a challenge. You're in a position now to make more money. Some Capricorns are between holding to the old and pursuing something more. Look for it! Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You may feel like zooming. Remember that not everything is what it seems. Rethink your plans, and don't be in a hurry to use them to your best advantage. Delays aren't permanent. If someone should decide to leave from your life this month, don't let them or her go. Anyone who leaves your life now didn't really belong in the place. Jan. 20-Feb. 18

When violent crime hits home: Students share their stories

By Adrienne Carthon
Hilltop Staff Writer

Death is as much a part of life as eating, sleeping, and breathing. But, when it comes in an untimely fashion, especially when murder is the case, coping with a death is never easy. In this high-crime era of gun-related violence, many people have lost friends or loved ones to a bullet. And after the caskets have been laid in the ground, the pain still has to be dealt with.

Derrick Kenny recently lost a friend to a violent crime, but it wasn't because of a gun. He got into a fight in Beltsville, Md., and a guy hit him in the head with a hammer and killed him. Afterwards, the guy killed himself," said Kenny, a D.C. native.

He found out on the basketball court two weeks ago, and it made him reflect on all the other friends he had lost, especially during his sophomore year. "I had a bad semester," said Kenny, senior majoring in broadcast journalism. "It really hit me kind of hard. After the first couple of times, it doesn't really hit you as hard. It's part of life."

Sharonda Davis, a junior medical technology major, still grieves over her cousin's death in Detroit, which occurred two days before the Million Man March at the hands of a Black man.

She explained the circumstances surrounding her cousin's death, which involved a former boyfriend.

"She was seeing him [her cousin's killer] for like a month. She didn't want to see him for one reason or another, and they exchanged words. She was staying with her aunt and the guy busted in with three other guys and took her one-year-old baby out of her arms and put it on the floor. He maced the six-year-old and shot [Davis' cousin] in the head."

Because Davis' cousin didn't have insurance, the family had to pool their resources to bury her. For that reason, Davis was not able to go to the funeral. "I really couldn't believe that it happened. I couldn't go the funeral because I didn't have any money. I never even got to say

goodbye to her. The last time I saw her was in March, during last year's Spring Break," she said.

Davis remembers that she could not celebrate the Million Man March because she was trying to deal with the grief of her cousin's death. However, her main concern now is for her cousin's three children. "They're all going to need therapy, especially the six-year-old, because she's the one who saw it," Davis said. "When I think about it, I start crying. I think of what it would be like for my son to see me get shot."

Violent crimes affect more than just the victims. "Her father, he was devastated, because that [was] his only daughter. It hit him the hardest during the holiday season; it kind of ripped the whole season apart. That was his only child," Davis recalled.

As far as the man who did the shooting, he was arrested the next day, but he has not yet gone to trial. "I lost an uncle in New Jersey in 1992. He was shot in the head. [The system] took two years to prosecute [his killer]. There's no consolation as far as people being punished. It's almost irrelevant to the people who've lost."

Davis said. "I think about the fact that I won't see my cousin again; there's no replacing [her]. If he dies, so what? If he goes to jail for

ever, so what?"

Davis said that her belief in God won't allow her to want the man to be executed. "If justice prevails, he'll at least spend the rest of his life in jail. I can't say that I want to see him die, because that's not my right. I do believe he will be punished—I may not see it, but I don't believe you can just do things and get away with them," she said.

Like Kenny, Da'Nisha Hairston knows the pain of losing many loved ones at once. "That whole year was kind of screwed up for me, because 10 people I knew died back-to-back. Every two weeks, somebody died," Hairston said. Although most of them did not die violently, she remembers very clearly one of those that did.

While visiting his father in San Fernando, Calif., Hairston's cousin, Brian, went one block away to a 7-11 convenience store on his second night there. After about 20 minutes, his father got worried and went to retrace Brian's steps. When he got

said she never had time to really grieve for Brian. "I never got to grieve for each person."

and about to graduate from college at the age of 21 when he was murdered.

He was last seen on his way home from work. "He was found hanging from a tree in a nice Northwest neighborhood with his hands behind his back," recalled Dozier.

The police ruled the hanging a suicide, which Dozier felt was just an attempt to avoid working on what seemed like an endless load of murder cases at the time. "I was thinking about being a cop and after that, I decided I didn't want to be a cop anymore. Instead of coming up with a stupid excuse, they could just say, 'We just didn't find who did it.'"

However, the prevailing belief among those who knew Dozier's brother was that the murderer was someone from the victim's drug dealing days, seeking revenge. But the killer was never found.

Unlike Davis and Hairston, Dozier had strong feelings about what he thought should be done to the perpetrators. "Back then, I would've killed them and some more. But, now I've left it up to God," he said.

Dozier's father never seemed to recover from the pain of losing a child. "It made him start drinking. I guess that was his way of trying not to think about it," he said.

Those that the victims left behind have advice for those that may be grieving over a loved one whose life was snuffed out unexpectedly. "When you lose someone, you have to remember that everything happens for a reason and they're in a better place," Hairston said.

Davis said that the grieving process is the key to moving on. "People try to suppress their feelings and that's really unhealthy. You definitely have to go through the grieving process," she said.

According to Dozier, time is what eases the pain of grief. "Time does heal the wounds. You may lose a person, but you never lose the memories," he said.

Reflections: The Death of my Friend

By Donovan Griffin
Hilltop Staff Writer

Miguel and I hated each other all through middle school. But despite all of the tormenting and the endless "yo' mama" jokes, we became the best of friends in high school. Miguel lived in one of the worst housing projects in New Orleans and so did most of his other friends. Those kids had a bad reputation and were said to be common thugs, but Miguel was slightly different.

By the time we reached high school, Miguel had a promising career as a track runner. He won the state relay two years in a row. On

the last day of classes, before the Mardi Gras holiday, Miguel and I hung out at the mall after school and then made arrangements to meet at a parade the next day.

The next day, we had a house filled with guests for the Carnival weekend. My family and I were listening to the weather report, when it was interrupted by a news bulletin. The feature story was shocking, unbelievable and saddening.

The newscaster said, "Last night, three Black males, in an all-White neighborhood, stole several cars, leaving them in various locations throughout the neighborhood. They then led police on a chase to an apartment complex. All of the

criminals proceeded to flee the scene in various directions. One of the males jumped into a shallow pond in the front of the apartment building. Another was shot in the leg by a police officer, and the other one escaped."

Miguel was the one who jumped into the lagoon. The police told his mother that he had drowned. However, for his family and peers, the policeman's news was hard to digest, not to mention, hard to believe. Not only was Miguel fast on the track, but he was an excellent swimmer (Louisiana is below sea-level so he got a lot of practice).

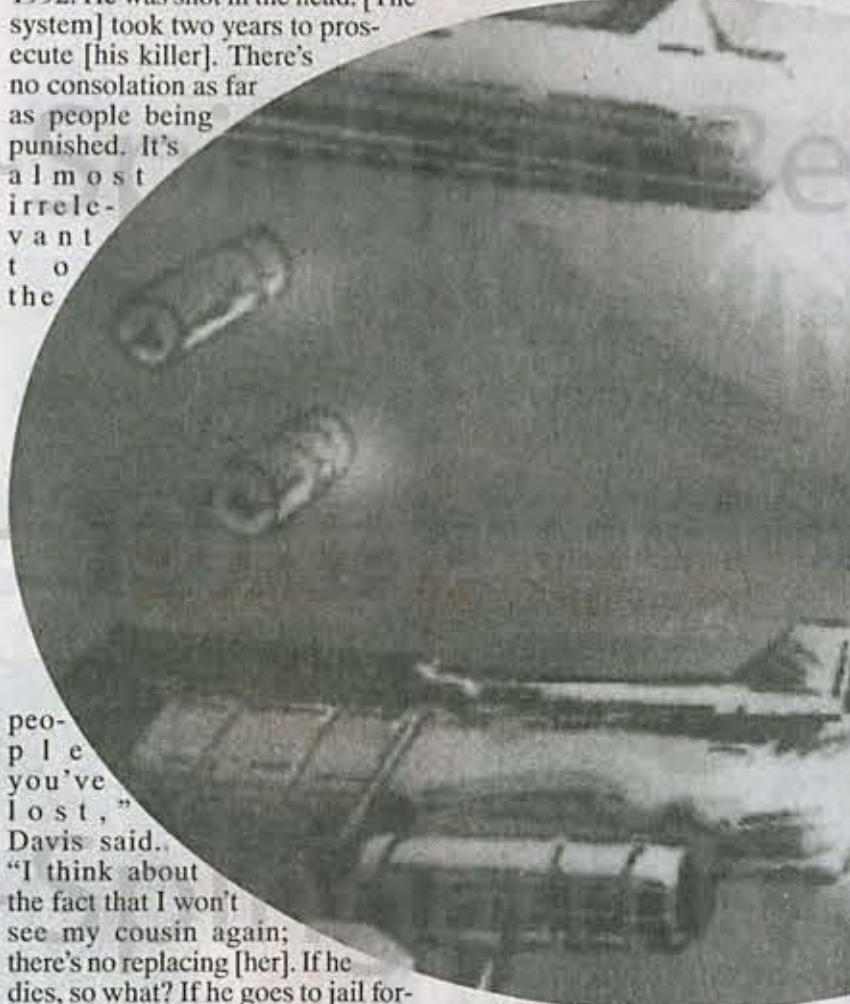
Miguel's mother suspected the police department of foul play and

she went to all lengths and means to find out the true cause of his sudden and unexpected death. She suspected that the White officers, driven by racism, had murdered her son. The pond was inspected, and was discovered to be only three feet deep. Miguel was 5'7". Yet, even though the information was not making a whole lot of sense, the police department covered it up so well that there was not enough evidence to build a case against them.

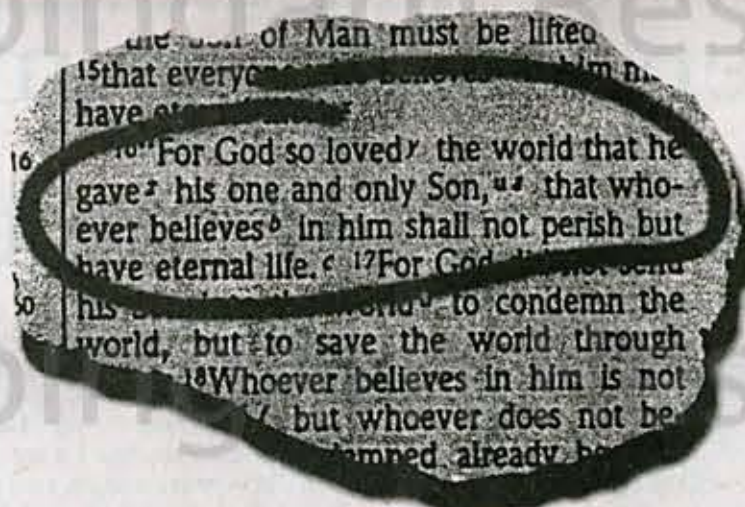
At the funeral, I looked closely at my friend. His hands looked funny, almost like claws, and his long fingernails were tarnished with a muddy substance beneath them. His face looked weird, as if

the mortician had attempted to cover up bullet holes in his head. I knew him well and I could tell there was something peculiar about his face. There appeared to be a deep gash in his head. These and other key factors led me to believe that my friend had been murdered.

I was so pissed off. I had just lost my friend. And, although he was in the wrong for stealing the car, he should not have died that way. His girlfriend of four years was expecting a baby, but he never got a chance to lay his eyes upon his son.



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PULSE!

Rapper argues criticism of hip-hop as scapegoat for crime



By Awanya Deneace Anglin
Hilltop Staff Writer

Wise Intelligent is on the scene and hopes to educate America about the "original killers." The leader of the rap group Poor Righteous Teachers will release his new album titled, "Killin' U... 4 on Mar. 12. On this album, Wise Intelligent expresses his concern and dismay about hip-hop music being used as a scapegoat for all of the crimes that are committed in today's world. He argues that murder and other crimes were being committed before hip-hop even came into existence. As a result, Wise concludes that America's forefathers such as George Washington and Mafia bosses are the original killers. Hip-hop wasn't

around then," Wise said.

So if hip-hop wasn't around, what was the influence?

According to Wise, political and influential leaders such as George Washington and John Quincy Adams in the 1800s were "slave traders and slave murderers." This mentality, Wise believes, has carried on into this century.

Of course, messages like Wise's can't go without some form of controversy. Not only are his lyrics controversial, but many retailers, Wise believes, will not sell his album because of the gruesome cover. "The retailers are giving me a lot of static," Wise said.

The cover of his album is an actual photograph of an African-American person burnt to a crisp, with smoke elevating from his body. In the background, a group of White people are standing around the decaying corpse posing with pleased facial expressions.

Wise chose this radical approach to his album because Blacks "have love affairs with genocide."

"We [Blacks] glorify self destruction," he said.

Wise also blames self destruction on the inadequate education that African-American students receive. This is one of the reasons that Wise gives for not attending college.

"I have been a rebel since youth. I didn't agree with the facts [that schools taught]," he said.

At Hilltop press time, Wise Intelligent said that he is back in the recording studio with Poor Righteous Teachers and hopes to release another album by June.

This album will also focus on problems that plague the African-American communities.

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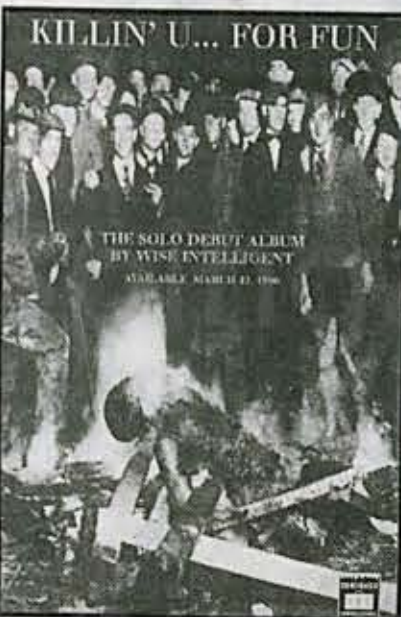
crack," being "married to the ghetto" and other things on the "street level."

"We [Wise and Poor Righteous Teachers] are all individuals, but we believe in the same common things," he said.

By the year 2000, the Trenton, N.J., native plans to write a book about African-American consciousness—Blacks in America in relation to Whites. The book will reflect the past, present and future. "They all are relative," Wise said. "I will be comparing Newt Gingrich to George Washington," Wise said.

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New store carries fashions for the hip-hop generation



Calvin Klein Jeans

By Joanne Eustache
Hilltop Staff Writer

There are certain things that perpetuate hip-hop culture, and fashion has proven to be one of the ways in which it has made its biggest statement.

Hip-hop fashions have come a long way from the fat-laced pumas and big clock necklaces that were rocked in the '80s to the designer labels, handbags and shirts that we're sportin' in '96.

Urban Gear, located at 907 U St., N.W., is a new clothing store here to bring D.C. fashion heads just that hip-hop flavor that many seek, featuring a selection of belts, watches, fragrances, hats and sunglasses.

"If you're into fashion and want to keep up, you need a store that can keep up with the changing fashion," said Michael Clarke, sole proprietor of the Urban Gear boutique.

The rap beats heard outside of the store, pull you through the door. Inside, the walls are adorned with Bob Marley and Moschino posters.

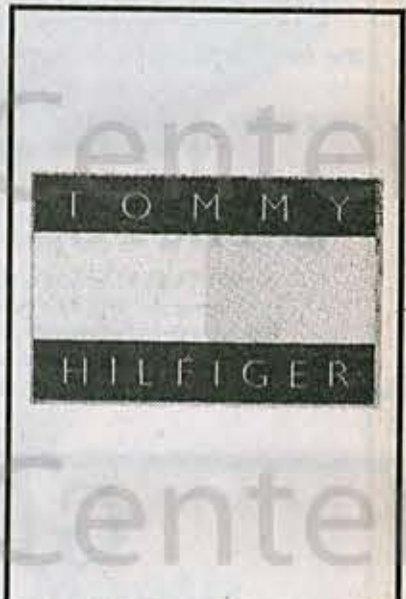
Clarke describes the shop as "basically a young people's store. Whatever is being worn on the street, you can pretty much find it here." Urban Gear specializes in names such as Nappy Gear, Mecca, Karl Kani and Versace, to name a few.

Having recently moved from New York, Clarke said it was difficult to find New York style apparel in a new area. Two months later, the 27-year-old opened up a shop that would bring D.C. the latest merchandise available from several designers.

"The opportunity was there, so why not jump on it?" Clarke said. Radio production major Jason Armstrong says that he likes Urban Gear's close location and explained how difficult it can be to find exactly what he likes.

"It's pretty hard unless you try Sports Zone or go out to Montgomery Mall. I'd really like to check it out because it seems real convenient," the junior said.

The boutique's location also happens to be a spot that is becoming a popular area for new Black businesses.



"It's building up and pretty soon, if you don't have the big bucks, you can't get on U Street," Clarke said.

Aware of his competition, Clarke says that he sells his merchandise at reasonable prices when compared to other places in this area. The new company even sells its own T-shirts bearing the store logo, and hopes to expand to an entire line very soon. "We just want it to blow up, straight up," Clarke said.

Since Urban Gear has moved into the neighborhood, many fashion-conscious students have responded positively and simply appreciate the fact that Urban Gear is Black-owned.

Tiffany Parker, a sophomore majoring in political science, said, "Because the money is going to go to White people anyway when you buy stuff like Versace and Armani, at least a Black person will be able to make some profit, versus White-owned stores like Up Against The Wall or Macy's."

Post-Black History Month Salute:

Reflections on Eazy-E: the gangsta' rap guru

By Zerline A. Hughes
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He lived for only 11,523 days, but like it or not, he contributed a lot to the rap industry that will never die.

Eric Wright, better known as Eazy-E, was a controversial figure who complemented Black music's story. Eazy-E pioneered some of the funkier hardcore rap music

er made, opened people's eyes to how all things have been in urban America and was a successful entrepreneur. The tenth-grade dropout from Compton, Calif., he was known for wearing his L.A. Kings cap over his hair, curl, hiding behind his shades and dragging his Levi's. He coined the term "Boyz n the Hood," on which he based his acclaimed debut album. In addition to the

album he recorded, Eazy-E is also known for producing his own label, Ruthless Records, which is one of the top-selling hip-hop labels such as Above the Law, Tha Dogg Pound, N.W.A. and The D.O.C. Starting his career in 1988, Eazy-E co-founded the rap group N.W.A. (Niggaz with Attitudes) and, along with rap legends Dr. Dre, Ice Cube, DJ

Yella and MC Ren, N.W.A. created the style of hip-hop now known as "gangsta" rap and quickly became a household name. After N.W.A.'s breakup in 1991 that came as a result of inner turmoil among group members, each member of N.W.A. began doing his own thing.

In eight years, Eazy-E produced or helped to produce over 10 albums, including "Eazy Duz It," and "It's On Dr. Dre: 187um Killa."



As DJ Yella put it in the memorial included on the CD jacket of the memorial CD "Eternal E": "I must say, it is 31 short years. He had a full life, he probably did more things than people do in a whole lifetime, 80 years or somethin'." He did a lot. I must say, he had fun."

Said former N.W.A. member Ice Cube, "He [Eazy-E] changed the music industry. As long as this

thing [rap] lasts, its definitely because of Eazy-E that we made a ripple in the industry."

It has been almost a year now since the hip-hop industry mourned the death of Eric Wright. Having seven children by six different women, Eazy E lived what some may consider a promiscuous life, which led him to his death from AIDS.

"Yeah, I was a brother on the streets of Compton doing a lot of things most people look down on—but it did pay off," Eazy-E stated in one of his final messages to the public. [I] got [my] message across big time."

In an effort to cope with his illness and settle down, Eazy-E got married on Mar. 14, 1995. He died Mar. 26, 1995.

In remembrance of a man that helped to reshape the rap industry with a unique style all his own, Eazy's reign will not be forgotten, as Ruthless/Priority Records has currently released a compilation of Eazy E's tracks on "Str8 Off Tha' Streetz of Muthaphu***in' Compton" and "Eternal E."

In addition, Ruthless/Priority Records will soon release Eazy-E's pending rap project which is a collection of 70 songs featuring a diverse range of rap and rock artists.

Green drama 'City Hall' lives up to expectations

By Adrian Terry
Hilltop Staff Writer

The lights went down in the theater, people patiently to see the movie which some critics called the best drama of 1996.

"City Hall," featuring Al Pacino, John Cusack, and Bridget Fonda, made the wait very long. The movie will have you out of your seat to figure out what is going on in the Mayor's office. With the murder of a police officer and political maneuvering, it is a microcosm of many of the activities that go on in city hall.

Academy Award winner Pacino shows his talents as the mayor of New York. With his power in the city, he gets involved with murder, bribery, and corruption. Although he is not acting in the role of a politician, Pacino still shows his audience that he can

portray any character and make it work.

While John Cusack is not as accomplished an actor as Pacino, he still manages to light up the screen with his portrayal of the deputy mayor.

Meanwhile, Bridget Fonda, who is no stranger to the big screen, brings energy to her role as a lawyer in the movie.

Also contributing to the star power of the cast, Danny Aiello successfully portrays a mob boss who is responsible for many of the movie's antagonistic activities.

The cast of "City Hall" seems to blend perfectly and their chemistry will excite you. Pacino, the leader of the pack, can work with anybody and make you rush to the theater to see the work that he has completed. The movie also has an emotional scene and you will need a tissue to wipe away your tears.

Grade: A-

Hilltop Hot Picks

By Miguel Burke and TaNehisi Coates
Hilltop Music Critics

The Fugees- "The Score" (Ruffhouse/Columbia)

Let's get straight to the point here. The Fugees have made one of the greatest comebacks in hip-hop history with their new album "The Score." You will have a hard time finding any other artist whose debut album and second album exhibit such a difference in quality.

Hip-hop fans knew there was potential in the group, especially in the lyrically potent Lauryn Hill. However, this new album takes the Fugees to the next level.

"The Score" really has only one drawback and that is the corny, sometimes nonsensical lyrics of Praz. Yet, Lauryn and Wyclef manage to compensate for him. The album contains plenty of disses to go around for wack M's who sell on the basis of how many people they claim they can kill or women they can slap. Lauryn sums it up like this: "While you imitating Al Capone/I be Nina Simone/And defeating on your microphone." -TC

Grade: A
Phattest Cuts: Too many to name

2Pac- "All Eyez On Me" (Death Row/Interscope)

This is probably one of the most anticipated albums that will come out this year, yet it's sad to say that this is another album that fails to live up to the hype or match the last album.

The good news is that it is still a good album. The vast number of special appearances by guest artists such as Tha Dogg Pound, Method Man, Redman, E-40 and The Click, Rappin' 4-Lay, Outlaw Immortalz (formerly Thug Life), Snoop Doggy Dogg and Nate Dogg give the album personality.

However, the main problem with the album is that the production sounds rushed. Most of the songs have strong lyrics, but the production is not always up to par (with the exception of a few cuts by Dat Nigga Daz, Mike Mosely and D.J. Pooh). Furthermore, it continues to divide the nation in the ludicrous civil war that rages within hip-hop. Plenty of references are made about many of the incidents leading to 2Pac's feelings of being

betrayed by former homies and being shot and incarcerated.

As impressive as it may sound the listener will not be able to take 27 full-length songs about either "thug life" or being a player.

Of the two-disc collection, the second disc is the better one, as the production is more solid overall, but the few bomb cuts on disc one are better than all of those of disc 2. Listen to someone else's before you buy it to see if you like it—\$20 bones for a CD is a lot of money to shell out for something that you find out wasn't worth it when you get it home. -MB

Grade: B
Phattest Cuts: "Ambitionz Az A Ridah," "Got My Mind Made Up," "I Ain't Mad At Cha," "No More Pain," "Wonda Why They Call U B—h," "When We Ride," and "Picture Me Rollin'"

Dark Sun Riders featuring Brother J- "Seeds of Evolution" (Island)

The good news is that X-Clan has been somewhat reincarnated. The bad news is it's just not the same. In this day and time, if you aren't part of the Wu or on the roster at Death Row Records, there is a chance that you won't make an impact on the target audience. Sadly enough, this is the case here.

While Brother J continues to stay on point with his lyrical delivery, the main thing that's missing from "Seeds of Evolution" are the beats that took you to the East "backwards."

However, the lyrical content and ideas that this album spews forth are still too complex to dismiss as being wack. It is good to see that Bro. J has kept his style and to know that Blackwatch is still alive. Although the album does take some time to adjust to, it does have it's moments. If you believe that Afrocentric lyrics did not go out when Public Enemy submerged, then check this album out. But if you want the total package: beats, rhymes, etc., then just look at the album cover in the store and keep wondering what "Seeds of Evolution" sounds like.

Grade: C
Phattest Cuts: "Dark Sun Riders" and "The Revival"

Mad Skillz- "From Where???" (Big Beat/Atlantic)

For an MC of tremendous talent, Mad Skillz's debut album is a so-

so rollercoaster ride of snappy one-liners, or as one person says, "The album is one big punchline." This statement is indicative of the album's biggest drawback: The repetitive snappy patter becomes tired after about the fourth cut.

Mad Skillz produces at least one phat line on each cut, but has trouble producing whole songs that are lyrically tight. He has neither GZAs ability to paint pictures, Nas' gift for the unexpected, or Method Man's intoxicating flow.

Instead, Mad Skillz strikes you as a boxer who constantly looks for the knock-out punch, instead of patiently working on the listener with verbal jabs and hooks. Still, when he hits with a line, he hits. Case and point "Straight off of punchline avenue, metaphor metropolis/I'm shockin' MCs like seein' their Grandmamma topless."

Mad-Skillz is not somebody most MCs are trying to freestyle against in a dark alley, but he needs to expand his lyrical repertoire before he can take it to the next level. -TC

Grade: C
Phattest Cuts: "The Nod Factor," "Move Ya Body," "X-Tra Abstract"

Total (Bad Boy/Arista)

This is an example of a group that will sucker punch everyone. Instead of focusing on the quality of their voices and production, people will focus on the dancefloor-climate beats in their songs, guest appearances from the likes of Da Brat and The Notorious B.I.G., and their silver jacket, black leather, "Bad Girl" image.

Honestly, this is a CD that you will be able to leave out of your collection because of the vocal discord which becomes evident from the first few notes of every song, and also because of the lack of original production.

Perhaps people will protest and demand that R&B groups make their own music instead of singing over tired samples such as George Clinton's "Atomic Dog" and James Brown's "The Big Payback."

Although the two songs produced by Raphael Saddiq and the remix of "No One Else" (only available as a bonus track on the CD) help out, they will not stop the ship from plummeting to a watery death. Save your loot! -MB

Grade: D-
Phattest Cuts: "No One Else" remix and "Kissing You"

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BUSINESS

Interactive 'Star Trek' CD-ROM is out of this world

By Dawnica Jackson
Hilltop Staff Writer

Attention Trekkies! Simon & Schuster Interactive has introduced a CD-ROM called Star Trek Omnipedia, a voice-activated reference guide to all things related to "Star Trek."

The guide is a compilation of "Star Trek" facts, lore, trivia and history, with more than 6,000 indexed entries, 2,000 full-color photos and illustrations and more than 100 QuickTime (mini) movies and animations.

The CD-ROM is based on the

best-selling Pocket Books publication, The Star Trek Encyclopedia and the Star Trek Chronology, and Star Trek: The Next Generation Interactive Technical Manual, which sold more than 290,000 copies world-wide.

"As an interactive reference work wholly dedicated to the 'Star Trek' phenomenon, the Omnipedia is a unique software production and a natural extension of our 'Star Trek' book and audio publishing program," said Jack Romanos, president of Simon & Schuster Consumer Group.

The Omnipedia is produced for Windows 3.1 and compatible with Windows '95 operating systems. A

Macintosh version is also available. "Star Trek" fans who have tried

encyclopedia, but this way I can look up specific things very quickly," said

I have the 'Star Trek' encyclopedia, but this way I can look up specific things very quickly.
-Tony Martin, Washington, DC resident

the new CD-ROM have given it rave reviews.

"I have the 'Star Trek'

Tony Martin, a Washington, D.C. resident.

Tracy Wilson, a guidance

counselor in Silver Spring, Md., said, "The sound was amazing and I really enjoy using the program."

Actor Mark Leonard, who played the Vulcan (a species from a fictitious planet) character "Sarek" ("Star Trek Voyager"), narrates five multi-media overviews and Majel Barrett is the official voice of the CD-ROM.

The program was created because of the desires of loyal fans.

"Star Trek is a franchise like none other in the entertainment software industry," said Peter Yunich, president of Simon & Schuster Interactive. "Attached to this brand is a loyal audience with an avid interest in technology."

He continued, "With the Star Trek

Omnipedia, we are delivering a first entertainment software product with functional voice-command navigations. For 'Star Trek' followers this is part of the expected evolution from science to reality."

The program has an extensive database. It includes information from the original "Star Trek," "Star Trek: The Next Generation," the first two seasons of "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine" and six of the seven "Star Trek" films.

Registered users will receive CD-ROM updates as they become available including the most recent "Deep Space Nine" and the latest series "Star Trek Voyager."

New car phones offer state-of-the-art security measures

By Sharon Grevious
Hilltop Staff Writer

Imagine a car phone that gives directions or automatically dials 911 if the car is stolen. This can be a reality with the On-Star car phone system.

The voice-activated system, offered by General Motors, will be featured on the 1997 models of the Cadillac for an additional \$1,000. It operates with a microphone that uses a satellite system to activate the phone through the steering wheel or through the hidden microphone placed in the car's interior skeleton.

Cheryl Smythe, a GM representative, said the placement of the microphone and transmitter may be more advanced than the car itself.

"We [GM employees] just began to learn about it ourselves," she said. "It'll definitely prove to be an asset to the customer."

On-Star's main purpose is to ensure safety of drivers. In the event

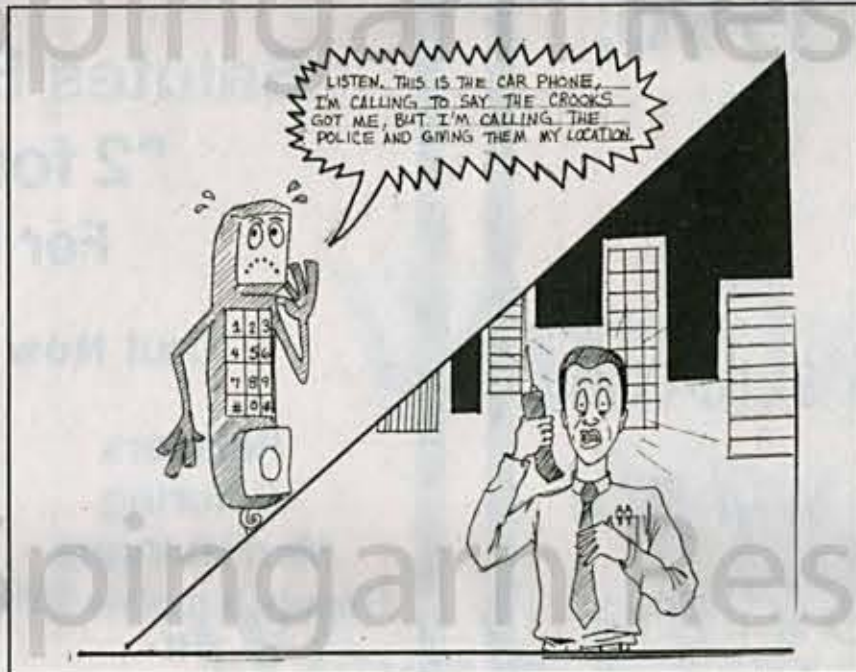
of an accident, the phone is programmed to dial the emergency number 911. If the car is stolen, the phone is able to contact the authorities. If a driver locks his keys in the car, On-Star, with its wireless signals, can unlock the doors.

The phone can also connect with a GM customer service representative, who can give directions, locate the nearest hotels and make reservations and pinpoint restaurants and automatic teller machines within the vicinity.

John Guttenberger, Cadillac's general manager said On-Star will take care of the everyday worries and hassles of drivers while giving them a new level of security not previously offered.

A system similar to On-Star called RESCU, a one-touch panic button, has been introduced by Lincoln-Mercury and will be available in the Lincoln Continental luxury cars next month for an additional \$1,995. The car phones use a satellite that contacts a

homebase to relay information to



the driver.

Lincoln-Mercury representative Tanya Kurinij said RESCU is well worth the money.

"RESCU may be expensive, but for the increased level of security that the customers are getting, it'll balance in the long run," she said.

Spring break '96: Fun in the sun for less

By Dawnica Jackson
Hilltop Staff Writer

Spring break is around the corner and students all over the country are planning for plenty of sun and good times. But having it "made in the shade" doesn't have to cost an arm and a leg.

The air fare wars are in full swing and competition is fierce. Since January, Delta Airlines cut prices by 50 percent and USAir cut its prices by as much as 44 percent for travel to 850 cities in North America. Northwest Airlines announced a price cut in February for sales throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

"Now is the time to buy," said Alice Tyson, an area travel agent. "The closer it gets to spring break, the higher the prices are going to go."

Restrictions apply for many of the sales. Some require tickets to be purchased 14 days in advance. Others require a Saturday night stay and are non-refundable. USAir requires reservations made 21 days in advance for spring and summer flights, but only seven days in advance for winter flights. The greatest discounts are available for mid-week travel.

Mexico is the most expensive hot spot, costing about \$900 per person. Jamaica and the Bahamas are only slightly less.

"College students have a dilemma because most major airlines and hotels are out of their price range," said Stephanie Miller, an Alexandria travel agent. "But with a little creativity anyone can have a great spring break."

The keys to a spring break in islands are a bread and breakfast hotel and ValueJet. Using these routes, the average traveler is likely to spend around \$400. The median price for lavish hotels is over \$850 per person.

"The best tip I can give is traveling to the islands is don't travel alone," said Bernita Johns of Bow & Co. Travel Agency. "I can get a deal for three or four people where everyone stays in the top-of-the-line hotel for \$500 per person, or a clean, but elaborate hotel for \$300 a piece. This is a far cry from \$850 for a single person."

Also, most area travel agents suggest buying your own food from the grocery store rather than eating out.

If traveling to Europe is in your spring break plans, Trans World Airlines has announced discounts of up to 38 percent on travel to select European cities. These cities include Athens, Greece; Frankfurt, Germany; Barcelona and Madrid, Spain; Paris, France and Rome and Milan, Italy.

The fares for these destinations vary and include restrictions regarding the length of stay.

Business Highlights

source: USA Today and Business Week

Telecom Lawsuit: Bell Atlantic and DSC Communications filed a lawsuit against AT&T for \$3.5 billion, accusing the company of blocking competition by building phone equipment to incompatible standards. The lawsuit also seeks an order requiring AT&T to build its switching equipment to industry standards. AT&T is trying to enter the local phone market, just as regional phone companies—such as Bell Atlantic—are jumping into long distance.

GM's Electric Car for Lease: General Motors said it may decide to lease—not sell—its EV1 electric vehicles. GM will introduce the EV1 this fall at Saturn dealerships in southern California and Arizona. Leasing the EV1 would reassure consumers worried they couldn't resell the electric vehicles. The car is powered by lead-acid batteries that produce a range of only 70 to 90 miles on a single charge. GM has said it will price the EV1 in the mid \$30,000 range, which likely would result in monthly lease payments of \$450 to \$600.

Eat You Later, Alligator: No longer used for handbags and shoes, alligators are becoming delicacies in the United States and Western Europe. The \$28 million alligator business became impatient with unpredictable fashion dictates and launched major promotion of their edibles over the past few years, setting up booths at restaurant industry conventions for taste tests. To meet the demand for alligators, they are increasingly farmed rather than hunted. The demand in the southern region of the U.S. and in European countries such as Britain and Finland has more than doubled the price of gator meat over the past three years. A pound costs \$4 to \$6, more than the best cut of pork, which tastes somewhat similar.

Disney String of Hits Comes to a Halt:

Disney's run of smash animated films will end with this summer's release of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." While not a bust, this flick will be nowhere near the box office hit "The Lion King," or even the not-as-successful "Pocahontas." In a bid to lure boys and teens, Disney chose Quasimodo's sad tale. This downbeat story, though, will turn off traditional Disney fans. Plus, the movie has few of the soaring musical numbers that punctuated earlier efforts.

Tips for Cheaper Traveling

* Try to make reservations at least three weeks in advance to get a cheaper deal.

* Mid-week travel is usually less expensive than weekend travel.

* Traveling as a group can also cut costs.

* Try staying at a bread and breakfast because they are usually less expensive than lavish hotels.

* Buy food from the grocery store rather than eating out to save money.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Poor health practices may be linked to high diabetes rate in the Black community

By Cristel Williams
Hilltop Staff Writer

One out of 10 African Americans in the United States has diabetes. One out of four African American women in the United States over age 55 is afflicted with this disease.

Physicians say part of the reason that this disease affects the African American community in such large numbers may be lifestyle and diet.

"This is a problem we can beat and it's time to begin," said

Dr. James Gavin, director of the American Diabetes Association's African American Program education campaign.

Diabetes is a disease that is characterized by an imbalance in blood-sugar levels in the body. Sugar or glucose supplies energy to the cells through insulin metabolism.

Nearly 40 percent of African Americans are overweight and 50 percent of African American women have a weight problem.

"Type II diabetes is a genetic disease, but it's related to excess weight," Dr. James Williams, a physician at Howard University said. "Most African Americans have Type II diabetes."

Type I diabetes (juvenile-onset diabetes) is characterized by lost or non-existent insulin production.

Type II diabetes (adult-onset diabetes) happens when the pancreas is able to manufacture

Williams said Type II is also prevalent in the Hispanic and Native American communities.

Doctors advise taking the time to exercise and maintain a healthy weight, as well as staying aware of classic

Symptoms of diabetes may include such as itchy skin, frequent urination, excessive thirst, extreme hunger, weight loss, irritability, weakness and fatigue, nausea, vomiting and blurred vision should be reported to a doctor immediately and regular screening for diabetes can prevent unnecessary damage, Dr. Williams said.

For those who have diabetes, monitoring blood pressure and cholesterol levels can also help keep the disease at bay.

If diabetes is not treated or detected, the body reaches a state of diabetic shock, the brain begins to lose its ability to take

in oxygen, huge amounts of water is lost, causing severe thirst and hunger and the body water dehydrates brain tissue.

Without medical attention, individuals can go into a coma and death is possible. So diabetes patients lose limbs as a result of the disease.

Although diabetes may be genetically passed, maintaining a good diet may work to reduce the disease.

"The one thing we can do is control our weight and exercise," Dr. Williams said. "Stay on the fast food joints and watch what your body's trying to tell you."

The one thing we can do is control our weight and exercise.

**-Dr. James Williams,
Howard University physician**

some insulin, but not enough to satisfy the body's needs.

symptoms of diabetes as preventative measures.

Hypertension may be reduced by healthy

By Cristel Williams
Hilltop Staff Writer

For three generations, hypertension has run in Jamiyah Brown's family.

"My grandmother died of hypertension," said Brown, a sophomore physical therapy major. "My aunts and my great aunt all have it now. Fortunately my mother and I don't have it. I feel very lucky."

Hypertension, also called high blood pressure, is a disease that affects millions of people each year.

Hypertension occurs when blood cannot flow easily through the body because of narrowed blood vessels. When blood vessels are narrowed, pressure increases to keep the blood flowing. Consistent increased pressure rates cause what is commonly known as high blood pressure.

"Hypertension really affects the black community because of lifestyle and diet," said Judith Brown a nurse at Howard University Hospital. "Young blacks need to be concerned about it

because their diets and daily activities can cause high blood pressure later."

According to the Pfizer U.S. Pharmaceutical Group, a simple and painless blood pressure screening can provide early detection and therapy that can

Brown suggests supplementing healthy eating with physical fitness.

"I would recommend regular exercise for lower blood pressure," Brown said. By limiting alcohol and nicotine intake, one reduces blood pressure risks, Brown added. "Smoking damages the heart

pressure in the circulatory system.

Researchers found that the blood pressure of this group decreased much more significantly as compared with individuals who used only medication to decrease their diastolic pressure.

Researchers from the Pfizer Group warn high risk individuals to keep mindful of their lifestyle as hypertension, untreated, can damage blood vessels without suffers even being aware of it.

Damaged blood vessels can lead to further cardiovascular complications such as heart attack, stroke or kidney disease.

Jamiyah Brown said she and her mother have learned from their family tragedies and therefore seek to maintain healthy lifestyles and stable blood pressures.

Brown gets checked two to three times a year for potential problems.

"Young people don't think about health maintenance," said Brown. "It's important to remember that the way you treat your body day to day now, will affect how it treats you later."

By limiting alcohol and nicotine intake, one reduces blood pressure risks.

-Jamiyah Brown, physical therapy student

prevent the hereditary ailment.

Also, limiting salt intake and avoiding high fat foods such as bacon and ice cream can seriously reduce the risks of high blood pressure.

People with diets high in fat and those overweight run serious risk of developing high blood pressure. The heart must work a lot harder to pump blood throughout the body in individuals who are overweight.

and blood vessels and drinking can raise blood pressure. Cutting them from your diet is the best way to keep blood pressure stable."

At times medication may be the only way to reduce high blood pressure. A study published in the New England Journal of Medicine in 1995 revealed that exercise coupled with medication in patients with severe hypertension significantly reduced diastolic

Medical experts give tips on curing shoulder pain

By Reginald Royston
Hilltop Staff Writer

When star Washington Bullet forward Chris Webber was benched because of an aggravated shoulder injury in an NBA game last month, health professionals and athletic trainers began to talk about the vulnerable body joint in the shoulder.

The shoulder is composed of a ball-in-socket joint, three hinged joints and a complex network of ligaments and muscles attached to rotator cuff.

Injury to its complex structure have plagued athletes in a wide range of sports from tennis, golf, and baseball to basketball and swimming.

Shoulder dislocation — such as the injury Webber sustained — happens when the ball pops out of the joint, usually tearing ligaments, which leaves the joint susceptible to re-sustaining damage regardless of healing.

However, the most common

shoulder injury occurs when muscles surrounding the rotator cuff become stressed and overused.

This injury happens most often in sports such as swimming and baseball, but also occurs when people who are usually inactive take on strenuous tasks.

People who experience chronic shoulder pain should seek doctor's attention to prevent long-term problems.

Here are some common methods to relieve shoulder pain and start therapy that can prevent long term damage:

Pain Relief

When working out with a strained shoulder, remember to ice painful areas 15 minutes after each workout and before bed. Aspirin or other anti-inflammatory drugs can reduce pain and swelling.

Work out precautions

Poor technique often leads to developmental injuries. Whatever the sport, practice correct positions and swings where the shoulder may come into primary use. Have coaches and trainers check form and alter workouts to lower levels giving joints and muscles enough time to adjust to pain. Gradually

increase workout as shoulder heals but do not to stress the shoulder beyond injury capabilities.

Stress

Avoid activities that can stress injuries outside of sports. Heavy bookbags, backpacks and briefcases can all aggravate shoulder injuries.

Stretching

Extra stretching before and after workouts can lessen the pain of the injury and loosen muscle stiffness. Trainers should be able to recommend some specific stretches.

Strengthening

Avoid using weights and concentrate on repetition of movements and agility to increase movement and agility of the shoulder muscle. If the exercise becomes painful, stop so that the injury is not irritated. Avoid taking anti-inflammatory medicine because it can mask pain during workouts.

Information supplied by an article written by Alvin R. Loosli M.D., and June Quick RPT, ATC, in The The Physician and Sports Medicine.

Weekly Recipe Taco Salad

- 1 package of taco seasoning
- 1 pound ground beef or ground turkey
- 1 cup cheddar cheese
- 1 bag corn chips
- 1 tomato
- 1 bottle of salsa
- a head of lettuce

1. Begin to cook ground meat in large skillet.
2. Add seasoning packet to meat and continue to brown until you are satisfied with the taste.
3. Put desired amount of meat on your plate.
4. Sprinkle cheese on the meat.
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Breathe easier. Ask your doctor if it's asthma.

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY

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ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM:

TO: ALL CANDIDATES AND STUDENTS
FROM: Yvette A. Pryor, Chairperson
General Assembly Elections Committee
SUBJECT: Changes in Elections Schedule
DATE: March 1, 1996

It is the consensus of the General Assembly Elections Committee that the goal of producing an efficient, well-organized elections process would be best met by delaying the first election date until Monday March 11, 1996. The new date for the runoff election will be Monday, March 18, 1996. All other specifications for the voting process will remain the same. We encourage you to participate as much as possible in the remaining events of the elections season and trust that we will all take this opportunity to use the power we have as students of Howard University by voting. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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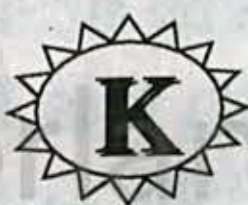
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Classes begin: June 25

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FOR

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APRIL 1-12, 1996

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All students whose ID numbers appear below must report immediately to the Office of Records and Articulation (Administration Building, Room 105) to update address information. Information must be updated by close of business, Friday, March 21, 1996. **Failure to update address information will prevent you from participating in the Fall 1996 General Registration (April 1-12) and Fall 1996 Late Registration (August 23-30).**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UBIQUITY presents NYLOLE: a Natural Hair Showcase. Saturday March 9th in Blackburn Center Auditorium. First show-3pm, Second show- 7pm. For more info call: (202) 829-6832/ (202) 667-2702

Coming March 15
Spring 1991
A-Phi-A Beta Chapter
5th Anniversary Party
It's ON!
Beta Kappa Chi will meet, Monday, March 4th at 5pm, UGL.
NCNW General Body Meeting
March 4th at 5:30pm in Room 148/50 in the Blackburn Center.
Interested in Math?
Join HU's Math Club.
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ATTENTION:
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Need help in biology, physics, general chemistry, organic chemistry, psychology, or math?
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Poets Need for Arts & Sciences poetry/ Jazz Night on March 13th.
Those interested Please contact Sean at (301) 565-0595. Thank You

Look out because it's coming!
The 5th Anniversary Party for Spring 1991
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BETA Chapter
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March 15th
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The Arts & Sciences Senior Class will be selling Class of 1996 T-Shirts for \$10.00 in the A&S office in Blackburn starting March 4th. Any questions contact Sean at (301) 565-0595.

NSBE Raffle
1st prize 2 bullets tickets
2nd prize Bullets hat
Tickets \$1.00 Raffle Held March 6 (202) 806-4840

There will be a meeting of all community outreach volunteers in Blackburn Forum on Wed., Feb. 28 at 4pm.

HSA
Haitian Student Association
Mandatory General body meeting, all upcoming events will be discussed. Today 3-1-96 in Blackburn room 142.

The Homecoming Policy Board would like to congratulate the 1996 Homecoming Chairperson Nicola Claggett and the 1996 Homecoming Treasurer Talicia Stafford.

NSBE National Convention
March 27-31 Nashville, TN
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Congratulations to Nicola Claggett and Talicia Stafford the 1996 Homecoming Chairperson and Treasurer.

TEXAS CLUB MEETING Blackburn Rm. 148 Wed. March 6 at 6:30pm.

The Haitian Student Association will be sponsoring FREE income tax filing sessions on Sat. & Sun. March 2nd & 3rd. Please call 319-0886 for more info.

Attention: SC Club meeting
Tuesday March 5, 1996 Douglas Hall Rm. 205 at 7:00pm.
ATTENTION BAYOU BISOONS
There will be a meeting of the Louisiana Club on Tuesday, March 5th @ 7pm. in Douglas 143.

Are you a Republican?
The Hilltop is planning a feature story on African-American Republicans. If you are a member of the G.O.P., call Steven Gray @ The Hilltop @ 806-6866.

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PERSONALS
Happy Belated Birthday Kathy A.K.A. Patra you thought we forgot but, we were just waiting for the Party. Now you can get your Drink On! Maya & Anisha

To Brother Salome Johnson, We're with you in your time of berevement.
Fraternalty Yours,
The Brothers of Delta Sigma Pi, Iota Rho Chapter

Monty you know the whole eighth floor got your back! Eighth floor Love, Boo ny ny
Happy Birthday
DESIREE C. BOYKIN
My Sweetie

Love Always & Forever Guy
Bones, Leave those Japanese hoes alone and come home....
Evilina
Q, I will love you through thick and thin - Sob Story

Joycelyn
I hope all your Birthday wishes like came true or something (with your old A-) - DEDAN
Dear La'teef

Good luck in all you strive for Life may seem hard, but you are a black strong man.
Love Hilltop Friends

Traci Booker: Because you turned your stuff in late, I forgot to include you in last week's Hilltopic, but here's your very own! Congratulations!!
Love, Monica

Hey La'teef- Look man, we all know what position you deserve to hold next year. Some people, with no vote may have succeeded in altering your plans, but you need to stick with us. We need more people as dedicated as you at this school. Keep being yourself. From your Bros. in The Hilltop.

Nate (Damion's Friend)
Remember I saw you Monday!
It's time we got together!
Coolidge Girl

La'teef, Good luck at the fashion show on Saturday at Cramton. Another "Mark" you will leave at Howard. "Attitude and Style"

Love Shaun
Hey Joyckles,
Happy Birthday!
WMM

Dear La'teef
Some people and groups don't realize the significance of an intellectual brother and can't see the knowledge and wisdom a person like you have. Use these events that occur as a stepping stone.

Much Love Jersey
To Kahlid Ross, I'm going to miss your big ole' butt out 'dere on da b-ball court

Love ya, Donovan
"School of Business"
Fashion Show
1996 March 2, Saturday
Cramton Aud.
Dress to Impress
Special Guest
"La'teef"

Justine
Lighten up kid life is just beginning to unravel for you..... you will be alright.

To the "Haitian Crew"
Thanks for coming out two weeks ago-- through rain, sleet and snow... The Prez

SAK Pase
It's a Haitian Thing so why you're tripping Bro know your roots.
Joe

Marry Me! You won't have to work and you can have a girlfriend!
Montgomery County Hillary

Macaroni AKA Tone Loc AKA Butt Munch Grimaldi Man says: Toni Turner can't get no thinner!
Bunny Girl

To Dichelle,
Gossip. So many people gossip at Howard. I do understand why they

gossip about you. You are a beautiful, strong Black woman going somewhere in life. Love, "Jersey"

Congratulations DONYA MATHENY!!!!
Get ready for all that will be your way. There's no doubt you'll do a great job!!!!

To My Gallery Writers & Poetry Lovers,
I give my sincerest apologies my page not running last week. Luv, Gallery Editor!!

Nikia, Tina and Terri: You are the best workers an Editor could have!!!! Thanks for putting in so many long hours! We never know how much we appreciated!! Love 'ya!

Graduating Seniors: There are 70 days left until the BIG day time to get down to business you already haven't!!) Spring Break is right around the corner. **EVERYONE:** Have a safe and happy weekend. The Hilltop

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